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Germans Evacuate Ortona

INDIAN TROOPS CAPTURE VILLA GRANDE: ADVANCE TOWARDS TOLLO VILLAGE

BERLIN, Dec. 28.

The German news agency said to-day, "last night the town of Ortona was evacuated".

ALGIERS, Dec. 28.—It is officially announced that Canadians made new progress in clearing Ortona.

Indian Troops Go Ahead

Reuter's special correspondent cables:

Indian troops advancing from the newly captured village of Villa Grande have punched a deep salient into the German lines and are now practically due west of Ortona. They are fighting with the German rearguards less than a mile and a half from Tollo which stands on a cross country track running northwards to Chieti and the Pescara-Rome road. The Germans are evidently preparing to withdraw from Tollo village dominated by a mediaeval castle as explosions and fires are plainly visible to the advancing Indians. Additional tanks have been brought up to aid the Canadians in their week-long fight against German parachutist troops in the ruined streets of Ortona. The Germans now hold only the north-western fringe of the town but they are having to be cleared out block by block clinging to every ruined wall and heap of debris that can provide cover.

To-day's Allied "communique" states: There have been no large scale movements on the Fifteenth Army group front in Italy in the last 24 hours. Canadian troops of the Eighth Army have made further progress in clearing Ortona and in mopping up pockets of resistance. Both Canadian and Indian troops captured prisoners. Further south, French Moroccan troops are attacking an important height to which the enemy is clinging tenaciously. Two more features have been captured by the American troops on Monte Sammucro thus completing the consolidation of positions. —Reuter.

MOVE FOR ARAB CONGRESS

CAIRO, Dec. 28.

Consultations about the Arab Union and basis for common action are shortly to be held in Baghdad between the Syrian Foreign Minister Jamil Merdem Bey and Iraqi leaders. The Syrian delegation which includes the Syrian Minister of Justice is leaving for Iraq to-day. After completing the talks they will go to Arabia for similar talks.

These visits are intended to pave the way for a general Arab Congress, which is to meet in Cairo after the Lebanese delegates (whose visit was postponed owing to the recent trouble) have completed their talks with Egyptian leaders.

No details are yet available as to the date of arrival or the composition of the Palestinian delegation but it is understood that among the members will be the delegates who attended the London Conference in 1939

NEW VICHY POST

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The German News Agency quoting a Paris message to-day announcing a new Vichy Government appointment said it was made "in connection with the impending reconstruction of the Vichy Government and reform of administration". The appointment was that of M. Francois Chassaigne to be Secretary-General for Mobilisation of Labour.—Reuter

FALANGISTS ARRESTED

LONDON, Dec. 28: It is learned here to-day that Spanish authorities have now arrested the men in Falangist uniform who entered the British Vice-Consulate at Saragossa and abused the Vice-Consul.—Reuter.

Dr. Joshi On Need Of Developing Specialities

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Dec. 28.

The fifth annual conference of the Association of Surgeons of India opened here this morning under the presidentship of Dr. N. C. Joshi. About 500 surgeons from British India and Hyderabad State, including Brigadier Grant Massie, Chief Consulting Surgeon to the Army in India, were present.

H. E. H. the Nizam sent a message wishing the conference a success.

Dr. Joshi in his presidential address stressed the need for developing surgical specialities in India. Although Gynaecology as a speciality was now fairly well recognised in the country, he said, other subjects such as Orthopaedics, Plastic Surgery, and Neuro Surgery cried for recognition.

Dr. Joshi referred to the war and said: "So far as we are concerned as a profession we may be sure of a huge legacy in crippled and maimed who will need all our skill and all our energies and I am sure, true to our vocation, they shall receive our best in full measure".

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (March)

New York, Dec. 28

Previous Closing	19.57
To-day's Opening	19.55
Difference	—02
To-day's Closing	19.53
Difference	—4

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:

General Motors $51-1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining $24-1/2
U. S. Steel Corporation Common $60-1/2.
U. S. Steel Pref. $121.—Reuter.

Make Pakistan Vanish

N. C. Chatterjee Urges Bengal And Punjab To Unite For The Purpose

AMRITSAR, Dec. 28

"In this storm-tossed world with its racial prejudices, machine-guns and U-boats, with its narrow nationalism, make the democratic teaching of the Vedanta the leading principle of social ethics for humanity at large." This appeal was made by Mr. N.C. Chatterjee, Working President of the Bengal Provincial Hindu Mahasabha, presiding over the All-India Hindu Students' Conference, held here today.

Referring to Pakistan, he said: 'In spite of all financial or other considerations we must refuse to exchange our undivided and indivisible India for any independent fragmented units. Pakistan would mean the crippling of both the Hindu and the Muslim in Bengal and in the Punjab and if the Bengalees and the Punjabees unite, Pakistan shall vanish into oblivion."—A.P.

DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCE

No Prospect Of Enhancement In Rate

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28.

Sir John Sheehy Committee which recently enquired into the question of increased Depreciation Allowance under the E.P.T. income-tax on textile industry has nearly finished its labours and is expected to make report shortly.

Enquiries show that millowners are unable to make out a case in favour of their representation. They rather stressed the need for Rehabilitation Fund instead of backing their demand.

Persons in the know of things therefore doubt if Government would agree to meet the request of the textile industry for enhanced rate of depreciation allowance.

ZAMINDAR MURDERED

KARACHI, Dec. 28

Sayed Fazul Mahomedshah, a big zamindar of the village of Barchani, Hyderabad District, along with his two servants was brutally murdered by broad daylight in his own zamindari yesterday.

His kinsmen are alleged to be responsible for the murders the cause being old enmity arising out of Sind Assembly elections. Twenty-three persons were arrested in this connection. —United Press.

C. V. RAMAN RE-ELECTED

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Dec. 28

Sir C. V. Raman was re-elected President of the Indian Academy of Sciences for the period 1943-46 at the ninth annual meeting of the Academy held here last evening. Dr. H. J. Bhabjha, Dewan Bahadur Dr K. R. Ramanathan, Prof. Birbal Sahni and Lt.-Col. S. S. Sokhey were elected Vice-Presidents.—A.P.

Ban On Indiscriminate Slaughter Of Milch Cattle

A Press Note issued by the Public Relations Officer (Rationing Dept.) says:—

The Government of Bombay have been seriously perturbed by the threat to the cattle wealth of the country caused by the indiscriminate slaughter of cattle, including milch cattle and young plough cattle, to satisfy the very much increased demand for meat.

The Government of India had issued instructions over a year ago that so far as the supply of meat to the defence forces is concerned, cows in milk and pregnant cows should not be accepted for slaughter, and instructions were issued that in all future contracts for the supply of beef a clause should be inserted to the effect that working cattle used for transportation would not be accepted and should not be tendered for inspection.

The U. P. Government recently issued an order under the Defence of India Rules prohibiting *inter alia* the slaughter of milking cattle and young bullocks, and the Government of Bombay have followed suit by promulgating an order that draft bullocks, physically fit and below the age of ten years cows in milk and cows in calf, shall not be slaughtered or acquired or transported for purposes of slaughter. Breach of the order is punishable by forfeiture to the Crown of any animal in respect of which the Court is satisfied that the offence has been committed, in addition to the penalty of imprisonment for a term extending to three years, or fine, or both.

The intention is to safeguard future supplies of milk and meat for the civilian market by prohibiting the slaughter of useful milking cattle, and also to ensure that agricultural operations shall not in future be jeopardised by the indiscriminate slaughter which has recently been taking place of young and useful animals whose owners were tempted to sell by the prevailing high prices.

A group of famine-stricken people in Travancore: Photo taken in one of the relief centres started by the Servants of India Society. The Servants of India Society has started four relief centres, one in Alleppey and three others in Karthigapally, Karunagapally and Ambalapuza Taluqs, Midday feeding of 11,000 helpless and poor children in the latter three centres and of 3,700 children in Alleppey is being undertaken. In all Rs. 70,000 will be needed, in addition to local collections, for the feeding of these children for 100 working days from November, 1943, to March, 1944. An earnest appeal is made to all sympathisers to contribute liberally to the relief fund. Donations may be sent to the Secretary of the Servindia, Travancore Relief Centre, Alleppey.

Hindu Sabha Demands, "Deadlock Must End"

REMOVE AMERY FROM WHITEHALL AND RELEASE POLITICALS FORTHWITH

AMRITSAR, Dec. 28.

The third and last sitting of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha commenced at 4 p.m., in Tilak Nagar with Dr. Syamaprasad Mookherjee in the chair.

The proceedings began with the recitation of poems and songs, one of which paid tribute to the sacrifices of Congressmen. This evoked a protest from certain persons on the dais followed by a counter-demonstration in favour of the Congress from a section of the audience.

Clarifying the position of the Hindu Mahasabha Dr. Mookerjee said that there had been some misunderstanding in his absence. If anything had been said which was an unjust reflection on Mahatma Gandhi he offered his regret. He added: "There have been occasions when I have criticised the Congress but there can be no justification for Congressmen to run down the Mahasabha or for the Mahasabhaites to run down the Congress. We have all tried to despouse the cause of motherland and the great stalwarts of the Congress will be remembered with the deepest affection not only by us but by the coming generations".

Dr. Bhojraj Ajwani, Secretary of the Sind Provincial Hindu Sabha, moved the first resolution that "in view of the fact that the Hindus of Muslim majority Provinces have repeatedly complained to the Hindu Mahasabha regarding the unjust and oppressive treatment meted out to them by the Muslim Governments of these Provinces. This Conference requests the President to appoint a committee of five persons to enquire into the grievances with instructions to submit their reports as early as possible.

The mover voiced the grievances of Hindus against the Sind Ministry and complained of the inadequacy of Hindu representation in the Public Services. He further complained of the persecution of Hindus in the villages and deplored that the Governor was not interfering to protect the rights of the Hindus.

'ATROCITY' STORIES.

Mr. Jagannath Dutt seconding the resolution said that Hindus were passing through difficult times and atrocious treatment was being meted out to them in Muslim-majority Provinces.

Mr. A. S. Satyarthi (Punjab) supported the resolution.

Prof. Harish Chander Ghose (Bengal) criticised the "dastardly and unconstitutional" act of the late Governor of Bengal in foisting the Muslim League Ministry on Bengal and cited several instances of maltreatment of Hindus and said that exaggerated figures about the Muslim population had been entered in the last census.

Mr. S. Muni (Sind) while dealing with the deplorable plight of Hindus in Sind wondered what would be the situation when Pakistan came into being.

Dewan Mangal Sain (Frontier) referred to kidnapping of Hindus in the Frontier Province and urged the Hindus to organise themselves for their protection.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.—

DEADLOCK ISSUE

Rai Bahadur Mehrchand Khanna, President of the Frontier Hindu Sabha, then moved the main resolution on the political situation which runs:

That in view of the deplorable situation prevailing in the country and in view of the deepening sense of frustration paralysing the national will, this Conference expresses its resentment at the attitude adopted by the British Government in as much as they have not yet responded to the national demand

(1) for the immediate declaration of the National Independence and

(2) for immediate formation of a National Government.

The Conference records its opinion that the latest speech delivered at Calcutta by Lord Wavell, Viceroy of India, is profoundly disappointing and in the interests of both effective defence of India and the economic rehabilitation of the country it is essential

(A) that Mr. Amery should be removed from the position of the Secretary of State for India.

(B) that the political deadlock should be ended.

(C) That the political prisoners and detenus should be released forthwith and

(D) that negotiations be started for co-ordinating all nationalist elements in the country and for mobilising the resources of India for national defence.

The Conference reaffirms its adherence to the principle of preserving the integrity of India and resist the introduction of Federalism in the future Constitution of India with a strong centre. It demands that no freedom should be accorded to the Provinces or to any community or section to secede from the Indian Federation. It also demands that representative Assemblies both in the Central and Provincial spheres should be constituted on the principle of joint electorates and "one man, one vote."

The Hindu Mahasabha reiterates the assurances given to the minorities that their religion and culture shall be adequately protected.

INDIA'S UNCROWNED KINGS"

Rai Bahadur Mehrchand Khanna said that at the outset of the war the British Government proclaimed to the world that they were fighting for Democracy and Freedom. But, when the Indian issue was raised, Mr. Churchill announced in Parliament that the Atlantic Charter did not apply to India.

In conclusion the Rai Bahadur referred to Mr. Churchill's recent speech in which he said: "I have not been appointed Prime Minister for the liquidation of the British Empire" and reiterated his faith in the achievement of freedom for India where Gandhi, Nehru and Azad were "Uncrowned Kings."

Dr. Moonje seconding the resolution said that the resolution was free from the virus of communalism. It was an answer to those who labelled the Hindu Mahasabha as a communal organisation.

The conference then passed a resolution moved by Mr. Kundan Lal Lamba (Punjab) criticising the Unionist Ministry for banning the use of Hindi in correspondence with detenus and political prisoners and urging the withdrawal of the restrictions.

BENGAL FAMINE

Mr. N. C. Chatterjee (Bengal) next moved the resolution on the Bengal famine.

The food crisis and the sufferings of the people were accentuated by the bungling and inefficiency of the Muslim League Ministry which was installed in office by manoeuvring on the part of the then Governor of Bengal.

The conference called upon the Government to appoint a representative committee composed of the leaders of all parties to formulate a scheme of rehabilitation in order to restore the social and economic life of the Province".

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Mr. Ram Nath Kalia (Punjab) next moved the resolution regarding the incident of Saturday last when the police are alleged to have made Lathi charge to disperse the presidential procession. The conference strongly condemned the action of police and urged the authorities to take action against the local officers who had acted in a thoroughly irresponsible way.—

The open session concluded at 8-30 to-night amidst scenes of great enthusiasm.

"The resolution on political situation embodied the demand of every Indian. It is also the demand of the Congress and thus becomes the joint demand of the Congress and the Hindu Mahasabha", declared Dr. Shyamaprasad Mookerjee in his concluding speech.

Dr. Mookerjee added: "Mr. Jinnah knows that he cannot get Pakistan from the Hindus but believes that the British would give him Pakistan and then quit India. What a colossal ignorance of practical politics."

The Working Committee of the Mahasabha is meeting here to-morrow. Dr. Mookerjee leaves Amritsar to-morrow.—A. P.

SURAT QUADRANGULAR

SURAT, Dec. 28: Hindus and Muslims, who have won the first rounds of the Surat Quandrangular against Parsis and the Rest respectively, will meet in the finals to-morrow.—A. P.

U. S. TROOPS FORCED TO WITHDRAW

Jap Counter-Attacks In New Britain

LONDON, Dec. 28.

Allied Headquarters in New Guinea: Advanced American patrols in the Arawe area of New Britain, where the first United States of America landings took place a fortnight ago, were forced to withdraw under three Japanese counter-attacks, said a spokesman here to-day.

Such a firm stand was made, however, at Umtingalu village that the Japanese broke contact. American patrols are now fanning out again north and east.

U. S. LOSES TWO SHIPS

The Navy Secretary Col. Knox told a Press Conference that United States losses at Cape Gloucester were one destroyer sunk and one coastal transport sunk. These losses were inflicted by a Japanese air attack about four hours after the United States landing. Col Knox said: "we have not yet had a report on the total loss of life from these two ships."

Col Knox described as "fantastic" the Japanese claims of American losses. He said the Japanese had claimed that two other large transports were probably sunk and a large number of United States planes were destroyed at Cape Gloucester on December 26. "All this is completely false", Col. Knox said.—

JAP PLANES ATTACK U.S. CARRIER TASK FORCE

A communique from Admiral Halsey's Headquarters in South Pacific says, "Eighteen twin-engined Japanese bombers unsuccessfully attacked an American carrier task force which was returning from a raid on Kavieng New Ireland on Christmas morning.

The Japanese attack was made at nightfall as the carriers were approaching Bougainville. The carrier planes struck at Kavieng with more than 30 tons of bombs and torpedoes.

Two destroyers, two large cargo ships, both over 10,000 tons, one medium cargo ship, eight small cargo ships and 30 barges were sighted in the harbour.

Avenger torpedo planes and 'Hell-Diver' bombers sank a destroyer and both the large cargo ships, damaging the other destroyer.

Damage to other shipping was caused by bombing and trafing. Ten enemy planes were riddled while riding at anchor".—Reuter.

New Year Deal To Syria And Lebanon

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The Algiers Radio (Radio France) stated to-day that on January 1, interests common to Syria and the Lebanon as well as the Police Force and in case of Syria authority over tribesmen will be placed under the authority of the Government of Damascus and Beirut.

The organisations dealing with these common interests will be transferred to the two States together with their entire French personnel, which will be maintained in office. The reason why French officials are being maintained, says Radio France, is that the transfers may take place without any interruption of administrative machinery. These officials will continue to ensure its regular functioning until Lebanese and Syrians can replace them.—Reuter.

Friends Ambulance Unit Sends £13,500

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The Friends Ambulance Unit forwarded £13,500 to India for famine victims, of which £10,000 has been raised by readers of London's "News Chronicle".

Mr. Horace Alexander chairman of the Friends Ambulance Unit India, committee announcing this in a letter in "News Chronicle" points out that although food situation has considerably improved in Calcutta and other parts of Bengal, medical situation is still grave and there is urgent need for clothes and blankets during winter.

STOP PRESS

MORE EFFECTIVE BOMBING

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The development of a new day bombing technique, employing the latest scientific devices enabling bombing through solid cloud cover, is announced to-day by the United States 8th Air Force Bomber Command Headquarters.—Reuter

THREE KILLED IN LORRY MISHAP

CAWNPORE, Dec. 28.—Three were killed and one injured in a collision yesterday between a motor lorry and a goods train near Khakanporwa crossing.—A. P.

FRESH SOVIET GAINS ON UKRAINIAN FRONT

Encirclement Of Vitebsk: Red Army's Drive Towards Zhitomir

BERLIN, Dec. 28:—Strong Soviet pressure in the Zhitomir area is reported in to-day's German "communique".

MOSCOW, Dec. 28:—From Reuter's special correspondent—The position of the Vitebsk garrison appears hopeless. After cutting the vital railway to Polotsk, mobile Russian forces are to-day thrusting south to complete the encirclement and isolation of the town. Both escape routes—the road to Minsk and the railway to Orsha—are in imminent danger of being cut.

Soviet Gains On Ukrainian Front

MOSCOW, Dec. 27.—The places captured by troops on the first Ukrainian Front as reported in to-night's Soviet "communique" include Vheraisha the district centre of Zhitomir region 25 miles east of Berdichev.

TWO NAZI BATTALIONS WIPED OUT

MOSCOW, Dec. 28

Reuter's staff correspondent cables: The new Soviet offensive on the first Ukrainian front is rolling forward like a huge snowball. Along its 400-mile front from Vitebsk to Kirovograd it is gathering weight and speed. General Vatutin's Kiev guards leading the assault are smashing and grinding down German strong points with massed artillery and tanks as they drive for Zhitomir.

A Moscow announcement to-day said that in the Kieve bulge which has now been dented in the middle, the Germans are in full retreat and abandoning huge quantities of equipment.

General Vatutin's army is now deploying in a twin drive both sections of which are pressing relentlessly on the three important towns of Zhitomir, Korosten and Berdichev in the centre of a 400 mile line. Three communication centres in the Zhitomir-Berdichev area—Vinitsa, Andrushevka and Vehernaisha—fell to the southern arm of the bulge last night. The fight for the district centre and railway station of Andrushevka was particularly fierce. Soviet infantry and tanks closing in on German flanks wiped out two battalions before the town finally fell to the Russians.

Further north, the cutting of the Vitebsk-Polotsk railway, the last life line of supply, now isolates the German "impregnable" bastion of Vitebsk on which General Bagramyan's army is closing.

DRIVE AGAINST ZHITOMIR

A later front line dispatch states that the Red Army is rapidly approaching Zhitomir on the western edge of the Kiev salient. At one point, south-east of the city, the Russians are to-day only ten miles away. The big railway knot of Berdichev 40 miles to the south is now threatened from several directions. Red Army forces are to-day only 15 miles from this German stronghold. The Russians have also struck out south-west of Fastov on the southern edge of the salient and have reached many points beyond their original advance after the recapture of Kiev.

The supplement to to-night's Soviet 'communique' reports that the Germans launched over 20 counter-attacks on Vitebsk and that some places changed hands several times in the course of fierce fighting.

HEAVY GERMAN LOSSES

Troops of the first Ukrainian front in pursuing retreating Germans captured "great amount of equipment, ammunition and military supplies. "Germans are suffering enormous losses," the supplement said.

One Russian formation routed the staff of a German regiment and captured eight tanks in perfect order. On another sector, over 40 tanks were destroyed and about 2,000 Germans were killed while many prisoners were taken. North of Kirovograd, about 600 Germans were killed in unsuccessful counter-attacks at the end of which the Germans were forced to fall back.—Reuter.

Bolivian Measures Against Axis

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 28.

Reuter learns that the note sent by the Bolivian Government to the Consultative Committee for political defence of the Continent said that the Bolivian Government will adopt severe measures against Axis penetration and intends to carry out obligations imposed by the existing State of war with the Axis.—Reuter.

U. S. STEELWORKERS ON STRIKE

PITTSBURG, Dec. 27.

Approximately 1,50,000 steelworkers employed by 214 steel companies are now idle in a wide-spread strike in the United States, despite an urgent appeal from President Roosevelt for speedy settlement.

More than half the absentees were in Ohio where stoppage hit big plants but the strike also spread to the mills in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Indiana, Michigan and New York.

President Roosevelt has ordered Mr. Stimson to take over the railways.

15 Unions Call Off Strike

Fifteen non-operating Railway Unions today withdrew their strike call. These unions with a combined membership of more than one million agreed to let President Roosevelt arbitrate whether they shall receive overtime pay after working 40 hours weekly.

Today's action leaves only three railway unions—all operating—to decide whether to carry out the strike on December 30.

"The encirclement and isolation of Vitebsk is nearing completion"

RAID ON CHITTAGONG

Ten Enemy Aircraft Destroyed Or Damaged In Action

CALCUTTA, Dec. 28.

Intercepted by fighters of Sir John Baldwin's Tactical Air Force over the Chittagong area on December 26, a force of Japanese bombers and fighters lost 5 planes which were shot down by the R.A.F. and one which was shot down by anti-aircraft batteries.

The raiders dropped all their bombs in the Chittagong area. But there was no damage to military objectives.

Two of the bombers were shot down south-east of Chittagong and a third crashed into the sea along with two escorting fighters.

Anti-aircraft batteries in addition to claiming one Japanese aircraft definitely destroyed one and damaged another, whilst R. A. F. pilots make a further claim of two bombers and one fighter damaged. Thus ten enemy aircraft were destroyed or damaged in this action.

Two Australian pilots attached to an R. A. F. squadron shot down four of the Japanese aircraft within a few minutes.

The Flight Sergeant followed his leader in both attacks and downed a bomber each time.

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Alleged Indian Penetration

Natal Indian Congress Urges Repeal Of Pegging Act

A Memorandum was submitted by the delegation of the Natal Indian Congress on December 2, to the Minister of the Interior relative to the subject of alleged Indian penetration and the Pegging Act. Below are given extracts from the Memorandum:—

"We desire to register our continued opposition to the Pegging Act and we ask for its repeal, firmly convinced that its demerits are such as to condemn it in every democratic legislature in the world other than South Africa. Not only is it a violation of the Cape Town Agreement, it is bad in political ethics, it is vicious in its confessed racial discrimination; and it stands condemned, even among those who were its sponsors, as their resolute reluctance to put it into the Statute Book proves. It is the product of a minority ill-disposed to Indians and does not represent the opinion of the intelligent European electorate.

The only merit by which it can possibly be excused and condoned is its temporary nature. Even this is a doubtful virtue in the face of its devastating attack upon human rights and the deplorable manner of its administration.

One of the immediate and sinister effects of the Act is to persuade its originators that they have gained a victory and to convince other Natal Municipalities that by increasing importunity and open threats, the same advantage as gained by Durban will be theirs. The total absence of unanimity among local governments is one of the most deploring factors of current local politics. Durban asks for racial segregation for all purposes, social, commercial, industrial, and educational. This is a revival of the old cry of complete segregation so aptly defined by the City Engineer of Durban in 1922.

R. T. C. URGED

In order that some clarification may be obtained and issues joined, our Executive authorised us to ask you to arrange for a Round Table Conference between the Natal Municipalities Association and the Congress, so that we, in our turn, may be in a position to submit a concise summary of Municipal and Provincial policy to the Natal Indian Congress, the annual conference of which is to be held on the 11th January, 1944.

To summarise the submissions made in this statement:—

(a) We demand the repeal of the Pegging Act. (b) We reassert our rights to purchase property for agricultural, commercial, industrial and residential purposes. (c) We urge the provision of adequate housing and civic amenities, without further delay and procrastination. (d) We express the strong conviction that the municipal franchise and citizen rights shall be restored and accorded to the Indian Community based upon the common roll, with such qualifications as have already been mentioned in the body of the statement."

MINISTER'S ASSURANCE

The Minister was kind enough to meet a deputation of the Congress Executive at Durban and gave sympathetic hearing to the representations.

WELFARE ACTIVITY IN TEXTILE FACTORIES

CAWNPORE, Dec. 27.

Indications of an appreciable growth in the welfare activity in textile factories in the city are furnished by the latest statistics compiled by a leading industrial concern. Two principal forms of this activity are the working of grain shops and retail shops attached to each textile factory at which factory workers obtain a part of their daily needs at prices cheaper than market rates. Articles sold include cloth, soap, hosiery. Sales figures for the last three months show steady improvement in the number of workers who avail themselves of the facilities offered to them and the value of sales. About 15,000 workers drew supplies from grain shops and another 5,000 made purchases from retail shops attached to the J. K. group of concerns in one month, the value of grains sold being approximately Rs. 100,000 and that of other articles Rs. 15,000. It is understood that suggestions are being examined to extend the sphere of activities of these shops by effecting a reduction in the sale of prices to attract a larger number of customers.—A. P.

"CIPLA" SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

The 8th annual general meeting of the shareholders of "Cipla" (The Chemical, Industrial and Pharmaceutical Laboratories, Ltd.) was held at the Registered Office of the Company, 289 Bellasis Road, Byculla, Bombay. The audited statement of accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1943, was adopted. The shareholders approved of the Directors' recommendation of a dividend of 10 per cent and a bonus of 5 per cent, free of Income Tax, per share. The retiring Directors Dr. A. T. Shroff, Mr. Siddick Sulaiman and Mr. A. E. Maskati were re-elected.

Dr. K. A. Hamied, the Chairman of the meeting informed the shareholders in his opening speech of the position of the Company.

The 3,000 shares issued by the Company have been oversubscribed.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

Mr. D. MacLachlan, C.I.E., I.C.S., is appointed to be 1st grade Commissioner from 4th December 1943 vice Mr. H. K. Kirpalani, C. I. E., I. C. S., retired.

Mr. E. G. Taylor, I. C. S., is appointed to be 2nd grade Commissioner with effect from 4th December, 1943 vice Mr. D. MacLachlan, C. I. E., I. C. S.

Mr. F. H. Taylor, to be Controller under the Hotels and Lodging Houses Control Order, 1942, for Bombay City, from 20th December, 1943 vice Lt.-Col. T. Luby, V. D.

INDIAN CHAMBER ON POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION

Presiding over the Third Quarterly General Meeting of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta, held in the premises of the Chamber on December 22, Mr. M. L. Shah, the President, observed:

"A separate Portfolio of the Post-war reconstruction should be created in charge of a Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council intimately connected with the industry and trade of the country, and the new department, should work in close co-operation with Indian commercial and industrial interests.

Steps to make India, as far as possible, its Provinces self-sufficient in the matter of food, through production drive, cultivation of culturable waste land, training of cultivators in the latest methods of scientific agriculture should be undertaken. He suggested the appointment of a small, compact Food Committee for Calcutta with representatives from each of the five local Chambers of Commerce as also of a bigger Food Council with representatives of the public.

Bright Future For Indian Ceramic Industry

BOMBAY, Monday.

Experts and manufacturers connected with the ceramic industry of India are gathered in the city to discuss plans for the development of ceramics during and after the war. Addressing their gathering at a lunch given by the Bombay Potteries and Tiles Ltd., at the Taj to-day, Mr. P. B. Advani, Director of Industries, Bombay, said that there was a great future for the industry which he described as a key industry of India. Prior to the war, India imported 50 lakhs worth of sanitary ware and pottery ware. To-day the demand had increased tremendously. There were hardly a dozen factories in the whole country manufacturing finer quality pottery ware and sanitary ware. They could hardly cope with the demand. With plenty of raw material which was available in India, the industry could forge ahead at the present juncture which was opportune for industrial development. There was no dearth of capital in India, neither was there any lack of technical personnel.

Mr. Advani emphasised the need for the manufacture of insulators of high voltage type and crockery. He suggested that the cheaper type crockery should be manufactured on cottage basis, the village potter being given the necessary technical training. He also urged the undertaking of intensive scientific research in optical glass manufacturing.

Mr. C. P. Shah of the Bombay Potteries said that it had not been possible to extend the existing factories or to put up new ones as the necessary machinery was not available. He suggested several steps for building up of the industry including the ascertaining of the possibilities for the manufacture of various machineries and equipment for ceramic industry and enlightening of industrialists on the scope of the industry.

Four technical papers on the industry were read at a meeting of the Indian Ceramic Society held earlier in the day. Technical experts and students connected with the Department of Ceramic's of the Benares Hindu University visited the works of the Bombay Potteries in the evening.

Mr. C. P. Shah was elected President and Mr. H. N. Roy, Vice-President of the Indian Ceramic Society for the ensuing year.

MEN OF SCIENCE MEET

Raman's Presidential Address

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Dec. 26.

The first joint session of the Indian Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences of India was held this morning at the Town Hall under the auspices of the Hyderabad Academy, Sir C. V. Raman presided.

Fellows and delegates from Aligarh, Allahabad, Andhra, Baroda, Benares, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Lucknow, Madras, Mysore, Nagpur, Patiala and Travancore Universities and Indian Institute of Sciences of Indore, Bangalore, Jaipur and Trivandrum were present.

H. R. H. the Prince of Berar inaugurated the Session.

In his presidential address, Sir C. V. Raman dwelt on the "Fundamentals of crystal physics". A man of science was essentially and intensely human, he said. The field of scientific activity, as he had said times without number, was nothing more or less than a kind of creative activity. In this work, men of science were entitled to claim public sympathy and, if they did not get that sympathy, it was because they had not made themselves serviceable to the common man. It was therefore the task of men of science to try to present even the most complicated common man could understand.—A. P.

INDIA'S AGENT-GENERAL TOURS SZECHWAN

CALCUTTA, Dec. 28.

The Agent-General for India in Chungking, Mr. K. P. S. Menon, has recently completed a fortnight's tour of western Szechwan, according to information received here. He visited the two-thousand year old salt wells at The-liu-Ching 'en route' to Chengtu. From Chengtu he visited the equally old and famous irrigation works and bamboo suspension bridge at Kwanhsien.

The Agent-General for India addressed the students of Szechwan University at Chengtu, as also the Academies of the West China Union and Nanking Universities and the youth movement.

Mr. and Mrs. Menon were entertained to dinner by the Governor and Madame Chang Chun, the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs and the Faculties of the Universities.

Mr. Menon's daughter has joined the Ginling College at Chengtu, where she is studying the Chinese language, English literature and western history. She is in a dormitory with five Chinese girls.—A. P.

GREETINGS TO CHIANG

SANTINIKETAN Dec. 28.

A message of congratulations to Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek on his installation as President of China was adopted by the annual general meeting of Sino-Indian Cultural Society in India. The message also prayed for the Marshal's long life and China's victory and prosperity under his great leadership.

A message of goodwill and thanks to members of the Sino-Indian Cultural Society in China was also adopted. It expressed appreciation of their "wonderful work for our great sister country". China as well as for the Society, especially for organising the Indian Famine Relief Association.—A. P.

MARATHI JOURNALISTS' CONFERENCE

MIRAJ, Dec. 28.

The fourth session of the Marathi Journalists' Conference will be held at Kolhapur on February 5 and 6 next.

Names of Mr. Y. K. Khadilkar, Mr. R. B. Ghorpade and Mr. N. C. Kelkar are being suggested for the presidentship of the Conference.—United Press.

De Gaulle Offers New Charter For France

LONDON: The new Committee appointed by de Gaulle for the reform of the future French State has prepared two Charters. These Charters prepared as they are by the members of the French Parliamentary Group Ex-Deputies who are now in Britain headed by Felix Gouin, who defended Ex-Premier Leo Blum at the Riom trial will have considerable effect on the future of France.

The first charter is a declaration of the rights of man and citizen. It defines the rights for the Frenchmen and proposes reforms of the Parliamentary system eliminating weaknesses and abuses believed to have been responsible for France's collapse in the war.

The second charter is a plan for the gradual return to the constitutional life in two stages, i.e., 1 The period immediately after the arrival of the liberation armies 2 After the complete liberation of France. the Committee believe that an intermediate stage will be necessary before return to the old but improved constitution is possible.—India Press Service.

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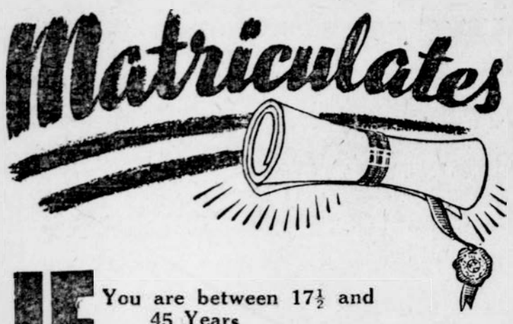

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POLITICAL POWER FOR WORKERS

M. N. Roy's Address To Labour Rally At Worli

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Over 10,000 Bombay workers were present this evening at a rally held under the auspices of the Indian Federation of Labour at Worli under the presidentship of Mr. Jamnadas Mehta.

Addressing the gathering Mr. M. N. Roy pointed out that mere trade union activities will not lead to emancipation of workers. He urged that the workers should form their own political party and strive for the attainment of political power.

Mr. V. B. Karnik referred to the resolution about the post-war reconstruction plan adopted by the first session of the Conference of Indian Federation of Labour this afternoon and said that the workers must plan for their future from now on and must formulate their own alternative plan as against the plan of the reactionary vested interests. The main problem that the workers will have to face after the war, he concluded, would be the problem of employment.

The rally was addressed by Mrs. Maniben Mulji, Messrs. J. N. Maitra, V. G. Kulkarni, Khawja Mohamad Hussain and others.

Earlier in the day the Conference of the Federation met at Laxmi Baug Hall and adopted a number of resolutions.

Another rally of the workers will be held at Nawab Tank, Mazagaon, to-day (Wednesday) evening.

DEB WINS W. I. BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

Snooker Title Goes To Long

(By FREE LANCE.)

During the last few days lovers of billiards and snooker had some excellent opportunities of seeing some first class exhibitions of the game of the cue. The Byculla Y.M.C.A. was mainly responsible for arranging the delicious fares. It was due to their efforts that V. Freer, the All-India Billiards Champion, and P. K. Deb, the All-India Snooker Champion, came to Bombay which undoubtedly enhanced the attractions of the Western India Billiards and Snooker Championships to a very great extent. Only I wish the venue was the Badminton Hall of the C.C.I. instead of Byculla. The Exhibition Matches held at the C.C.I. showed that the Hall has great potentialities for popularising these games.

DEB AVENGES DEFEATS

Deb won the Billiards Championship by defeating Freer in the final by 1,000 points to 933. Thus the Calcutta player avenged his previous reverses at the hands of the All-India Champion in 1940 and 1941. Deb played a superb game, making as many as 15 breaks of over 20 and topping them with a brilliant 172 which turned out to be the highest in the tournament. Freer also had 15 breaks to his credit 98 being his best effort in this respect.

The Snooker title was carried away by W. Long who beat N. Patel in the final in straight frames 74—51, 56—49, 57—49. In an exhibition match at the C.C.I. Lang lost to Deb in straight frames 61—45, 85—60.

FAIR SEX TAKES TO BILLIARDS

The game of billiards has now caught the fancy of women players in Bombay. Everybody will admit that this is a game well suited to the fair sex from all points of view. The P.V.M. Gymkhana has therefore done well to inaugurate a handicap tournament for them. Miss D. Dadabhoy (—30) became the first Champion by scoring a surprising victory over Mrs. F. J. Cartner in the final by 200 points to 198. The loser is a decidedly superior class of player as the margin of handicap clearly points out. Actually she had a lead of over 40 points when she was within 5 points of victory. But she failed to gather them to her utter disappointment. Her biggest break which was the highest in the competition was 28. I hope the game will attract many more devotees in the near future.

Ceylon Soccer

The knock-outt soccer tournament organised by the City Football League was brought to a close on Sunday, (19th December) when Middletown beat Amerdeen by two gols to one. The match was played in aid of the Bengal Relief Fund. Miniature cups presented by Mr. R. F. S. De Mel were presented to the winners.

The City Football League is the most popular League in the Island and the best players of Ceylon are always in action. While All-Ceylon teams have been beaten by visiting teams from Burma, the Mohhammadan Sporting Club and the Calcutta I. F. A. the City Football League has maintained the fair name of Ceylon soccer being the unbeaten team.

All the matches played by the abbove teams were left drawn. The League is looking forward to visit India and therefore any Province, Club or League wishing to see the Ceylonse players in action will kindly correspond with Mr. C. M. Mantara Tournament Secretary, City Football League, Income-Tax Office, Colombo, Ceylon.

A.-I. Table Tennis Champions

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Dec. 28.

The finals of the All-India Open Table Tennis Championship were played this evening in the presence of a very large gathering. In Men's Singles Chandrana (Bombay) won the Championship by defeating Sachitanandan (Madras). Last year Champion K. H. Kapadia did not play this year. In Men's Doubles Sivaraman and Sachithanandan (Madras) won the Championship by beating Ramaswami and Vittal (Mysore) Last year's champions were Chandrana and K. H. Kapadia (Bombay).

In Mixed Doubles, Miss Madon and K. H. Kapadia (Bombay) beat Chandrana and Miss Kudev (Bombay).

RESULTS: MEN'S SINGLES:—Chandrana (Bombay) beat Sachithanandan (Madras) 21-19, 21-12, 21-17.

MEN'S DOUBLES: Sivaraman and Sachithanandan (Madras) beat Ramaswami and Vittal (Mysore) 17-21, 21-14, 15-21, 23-21, 21-16.

MIXED DOUBLES: Miss Madon and K. H. Kapadia (Bombay) beat Chandrana and Miss Kudav 22-24, 21-11, 22-20.—A.P.

Ranji Trophy

W. I. S. C. A. MEET SIND

RAJKOT, Dec. 12.

The W.I.S.C.A. who met Sind in the second round of West Zone of Ranji Trophy to-day were all out for 274 in their first innings.

Sind at the close of the day's play had made 1 for no loss.

Scores:—W.I.S.C.A. (1st Innings), Prataprai, b Ladka, 31; Barret, c Jamnadas, b Pursram, 2; Umer, b Girdhari, 47; Prithviraj, run out, 85; Shantilal, c Deepchand, b Girdhari, 7; Saeed Ahmed, l.b.w., b Girdhari, 0; Purshottam, st Jamnadas, b Ladka, 53; Sukhwantrai, c Qamardin, b Ladka, 13; Akbar Khan, c Deepchand, b Girdhari, 8; Abdul Kadir, run out, 20; Jayantilal, not out, 5; Extras 3; Total 274.

BOWLING ANALYSIS:—Samtani 18/5/40/0; Pursram 21/2/83/1; Ladka 19/3/43/3; Girdhari 21/1/82/4; Naoomal 16/6/23/0.—

Fall of Wickets:—1-16, 2-33, 3-121, 4-135, 5-135, 6-200, 7-232, 8-245, 9-254, 10-274.

SIND (1st Innings):—Parsuram, retired hurt, 0; Narottam, batting, 0; Jamnadas, batting, 1; Extra 0; Total (for no loss) 1.

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UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Question and Answer meeting Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, to-day (Wednesday), at 6-15 p.m.

MAZDAZNAN: Mother Gloria will speak on "The Study of Master's Winter Course", at Mazdaznan Hall, opp. Eros Theatre, to-day (Wednesday), at 6-15 p.m.

MR. R. DALMIA: Seth Ramkrishna Dalmia will arrive in Bombay today (Wednesday) by the Frontier Mail and will be putting up with Mr. Shriyans Prasad Jain, Bharat Building, 15A, Elphinstone Circle.

NATIONAL LIBERAL FEDERATION OF INDIA: The opening meeting of the National Liberal Federation of India will be held at the Cama Oriental Institute Hall, Apollo Street, to-day (Wednesday), at 5 p.m. (S. T.) Sir Maharaj Singh will preside.

MUHARRAM LECTURES: "Maulana Muslim, Lahore, will deliver 11 public lectures beginning from the night of 1st Muharram to-day (Wednesday), between 10-30 and 12-30 p.m. (S. T.) at Cutchi Memon Moholla, (near Mohamedali Road, Zackeria Masjid).

SRI KRISHNA GANA SABHA: In view of the increase in the number of South Indians in Bombay, a new Sangeetha Sabha under the name of the Sri Krishna Gana Sabha has been started under the Presidentship of Mr. D. R. Iyengar, supported by an influential Committee. The present address of the Sabha is: Second Floor, Manik Baug, Matunga, G. I. P. The object of the Sabha is to foster music in general and encourage amateur talents in the art.

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE, BOMBAY: The following students of the Voluntary Social Workers' Training Class, conducted by the Social Service League, Bombay, have passed the examination held in 1943:—(1) Mr. S. B. Satam, (2) Mr. H. M. Ezekiel, (3) Mr. M. T. Chobe, (4) Mr. K. L. Dalal, (5) Miss S. Mogul, (6) Mr. K. V. Shah, (7) Mr. G. N. Chawan, (8) Miss M. Joseph, (9) Mr. L. A. Rane, (10) Mr. Ram Swaroop Vyas, (11) Mr. V. S. Prabhu, (12) Mr. R. D. Tripathi and (13) Mrs. W. Singh.

BOMBAY & SUBURBAN HOTEL & RESTAURANT KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION: All members of the Association are requested to supply the Association office with necessary information about this C. O. L. (including Gascoke, Hard coke, Soft coal, Charcoal) consumption, at their establishments. The information could be supplied any day of the week at the office of the Association between 10 a.m and 1 p.m.

DELHI TIBBIA COLLEGE CRICKET MATCHES: The Delhi Tibbia College Cricket Team now in Bombay will play a round of matches with the local teams. The following fixtures have been arranged:—

To-day (Wed.), and Thursday (30th Dec.), National C. C. on Elphinstone or Azad Maidan; 2nd January, Sunder Cricket Club on Cross Maidan; 3rd January, Y. M. M. A. on Oval Ground; 4th January, Y. M. S. Cricket Club on Oval Ground; 5th January, Kirtikars' Eleven on Oval Ground. 6th January, Bombay Muslims on Oval Ground.

MARATHA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: The second day's session of 4th Session of the All-India Maratha Women's Conference will be held to-day (Wednesday), at 3 p.m. at Framji Cawasji Institute Hall, Dhobi Talao. Her Highness Ranisaheb Sushila Devi of Sondur will preside.

NEW YEAR EXHIBITION-SALE: Under the auspices of the Parsi Employment Bureau a New Year Exhibition-Sale of home-made articles, cloth, toilet requisites, hosiery, and other household goods will commence at the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall, Fort, from to-day (Wednesday), till 5th January 1944.

Dance For Workers

The Indian Dance Guild, after three successful performances at Madhav Baug, C. P. Tank, Bombay, which drew large audiences, is now once again presenting the Mahabharata (a silhouette dance-drama) in the open air theatre at the Jamboree Maidan (Worli Welfare Centre grounds) Worli, to-day (Wednesday) and to-morrow (Thursday) at 9 p.m. (S. T.) specially for the working class population. Admission will be free and without cards.

B. B. & C. I. Rly. Employees Union

The 24th annual general meeting of the B. B. & C. I. Rly. Employees' Union will be held to-morrow (Thursday) at Bombay. It will be inaugurated by Mr. G. C. Laughton, General Manager, B. B. & C. I. Rly, at the Kitte Bhandari Hall, Ranade Extension Road, Dadar, at 7 p.m. Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta will preside.

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The whole programme, winds up with a song specially composed by Mr. Sumitranandan Pant. He will also recite the prologue before the start of the programme.

Under the auspices of "Rahber", the following lectures will be delivered today by Mrs. K. Savani. Opening Speech at 5-30 p.m. and Prin. S. S. Desnavi the Effect of Maternal Influence on Character at 6-15 p.m.

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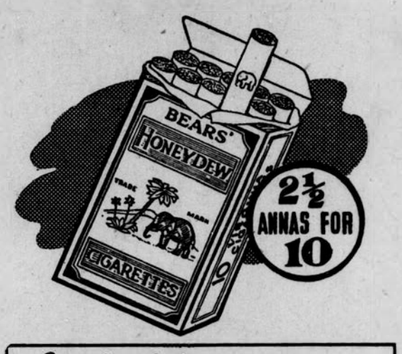

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec 28.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Between those who struggle for freedom and those who are content with servitude and even wish to prolong it, there is no meeting ground.

—Jawaharlal Nehru

The Bombay Chronicle

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, which held its 4th annual conference at Walchandnagar during the week-end, deserves to be better known in the country than it is so far. Brought into existence in 1940 mainly through the initiative of Sir Manilal B. Nanavati, ex-Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank, this pioneer institution proposes to carry on research in all the problems of Indian agricultural economics and rural life and to submit before Government and the public the results of the research including considered solutions of the problems. It aspires to model itself after the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome and also the League of Nations section dealing with the rural life problems of European countries. It has secured the services of several economists and others who have specialised in agricultural economics and has outlined an elaborate programme of publications, and its introductory volume entitled "Our Rural Problem" is announced to be published shortly. This volume purports to outline the main facts of the problem, to review the work done and being done by the Central and Provincial Governments and by public bodies in the various spheres of rural life and to chalk out the essentials of a constructive policy for raising the standard of life of the rural masses.

In his opening speech at the Conference Mr. C. D. Deshmukh, Governor of the Reserve Bank, paid a deserved tribute to the Society and hoped that it would be a valuable link between official and non-official agencies working towards similar ends. He emphasised the point that the common task of all was nothing less than "raising the standard of living of our many millions", and said: "That the standard is appallingly low is a matter that needs no argument and one has only to mention the distressing happenings in recent months in Bengal and elsewhere as unmistakable signs of the existence of something rotten in the foundations of our national economy—something that calls for very serious thinking and sustained efforts on the part of every one of us, be he an industrialist, practical banker or professional economist or agricultural expert". We wish Mr. Deshmukh had at least hinted at the "something rotten in the foundations of our national economy" though it might be samething both political and economic. However, it is a sound suggestion that he made to the Society that, while specialising in agricultural economics it should also consider its bearings on other aspects of economics such as conservation of soil by afforestation and bunding, development of communications, health and education, provision of cheap power and irrigational facilities, and existence of suitable monetary and financial background. The presidential address at the present conference and the papers read there show that the Society deals with its problem in a thoroughly comprehensive manner.

While dealing with various aspects of agricultural economics Sir Manilal, the President of the Conference, rightly stresses the present food problem. He points out that owing to various defects in our agricultural economy, "not only is the productivity of our agriculture low, but it seems even to be diminishing", that "during the last two or three decades there has been a worsening of the food problem quantitatively as well as qualitatively, with all the consequences of under-feeding, starvation, liability to diseases and epidemics, premature deaths and, in general, economic inefficiency and intellectual stagnation." The problem, therefore, is not merely to import more food but to grow more food on a large scale, so that in spite of the present inflation food may be made available to the people at prices within their reach. It is much to be hoped that the Society will soon bring out a volume on food supply discussing all aspects of the problem in a thorough authoritative manner and suggesting a detailed practical programme for Government and the people. Such a volume will be both timely and most serviceable and will interest a large number of persons in the work of the Society.

Will Wavell Follow Allenby's Example?

The London correspondent of a contemporary has furnished some interesting glimpses into the contents of the second volume of Lord Wavell's biography of Lord Allenby which will be published on the 31st instant. This volume deals in particular with Lord Allenby's work as High Commissioner of Egypt during the difficult times of the political deadlock which had obtained in that country immediately prior to the declaration of Egyptian independence by the Government of Mr. Lloyd George in 1922. It was Lord Allenby's timely as well as firm intercession that brought about that event. According to Lord Wavell, Lord Allenby, after two years of stay in Egypt, found that the administrative machinery there had come to complete stop and that co-operation with the Egyptians had come to an end. Realising that the grant of independence for which the Egyptians had been clamouring for years could no longer be denied to them without jeopardising the British position as a Mediterranean Power, Lord Allenby pressed the British Government that the declaration of such independence should be made immediately, incorporating in it safeguards for British military and other interests that might be necessary. In spite of the opposition of the Foreign Office, presided over by Lord Curzon, Mr. Lloyd George's Cabinet endorsed Lord Allenby's suggestion and prevented further deterioration of the Egyptian situation. The release of Zaghlul Pasha, the nationalist leader, and other prominent politicians preceded the declaration of independence. The declaration, of course, did not inaugurate genuine independence of Egypt. It was accompanied by safeguards that detracted much from true independence. Nevertheless it went a long way in bringing about reconciliation between Britain and Egypt. Lord Wavell in his work has paid a tribute, in this connection, to the "courage and firmness" shown by Lord Allenby in the crisis in pressing upon the British Government the need for immediate reconciliation of the Egyptians. The situation confronting Lord Wavell himself to-day in this country does not differ in any way from that which faced the subject of his biography in Egypt. If anything, it is of graver import still, because a world war is on, and the enemy is waiting at India's door itself. Reconciliation of the Indian people by releasing the imprisoned leaders and granting the national demand for freedom, with agreed adjustments as may be necessary for the duration of the war, is a paramount pre-requisite of Indians' wholehearted co-operation in the war. Will Lord Wavell display the same wisdom and firmness as are commended by him in Lord Allenby?

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Russian Winter Offensive

From all accounts, the Russian winter offensive is progressing satisfactorily on both the fronts on which it has been launched—due west of Kiev and in the Nevel region further north. The immediate objective of the former drive is Zhitomir, which the Red Army had been forced to evacuate some months ago. Its recapture would bring the Red Army once again near the Polish border, which the Germans would least like. In the Nevel area, the Soviet troops, after tearing wide gaps on the Vitebsk-Polotsk road and storming Gorodok, due north of Vitebsk, have now invested this city from four sides and there appears to be every likelihood of this fortress falling into Russian hands before many days pass. The offensive in this region would seem to have taken the enemy completely by surprise, since there had been a long lull there and the Russian preparations had been conducted with such secrecy that the Germans had no inkling that a whirlwind attack would be launched from that quarter. The fall of Vitebsk would be a heavy blow to the Germans since it would pave the way to the Red Army's triumphant march into the Baltic States of Latvia and Lithuania and also advance into Polish territory. The next few weeks are thus pregnant with immense possibilities for the Soviet armies. The timing of the "Second Front" which is to be opened on the West by Russia's Allies may well have been arranged to coincide with the crossing of one or the other of the above-mentioned boundaries by Soviet troops.

Unfortunate Denouement

Whatever measure of truth there may be in the reason officially given for the sudden resignation of his post by Lieut. General Andrew MacNaughton, Commander of the First Canadian Army in Britain, it must appear to most observers that, besides considerations of health, there may have been other circumstances, too, that have prompted him to take the step. Of these, the appointment of General Eisenhower as Supreme Commander of the Allied invasion forces would seem to be the most obvious. Having been responsible during the past two or three years for the training of the Canadian divisions which had been stationed in Britain for the specific purpose of participation in the invasion of the Continent, it is but natural that his claim to lead the army of invasion should be viewed as a prior one. The selection of the U. S. General, therefore, has entailed the supersession of that claim. But one fails to see how such an unfortunate denouement could have been avoided by the British and United States Governments. An American Senator disclosed the other day the fact that 73 p c. of the invading forces would be United States troops. Could a non-American have legitimately claimed to lead such a force? Further, General Eisenhower has had already extensive experience of actual campaigning against the Germans in the present war in Africa as well as Italy. Such being the case, his selection must be viewed as both wise and just.

Release Them All

The release of a number of detenus in Mysore is most welcome but the various prohibitory orders served on them as also on a number of workers in the Kolar gold fields and Bhadravati are needless and galling. As the President of the State Congress points out, such orders defeat the purpose of the releases, namely, to restore peace and harmony in public life. The President also rightly suggests that all politicals, and not merely detenus, should be released. It is necessary, too, that the ban on the State Congress should be removed. Else frivolous prosecutions on purely technical grounds will be revived, leading to fresh unrest.

Untenable Claim

The Hindu Mahasabha has adopted a resolution declaring that it alone "is competent to carry on negotiations on behalf of Hindus". The representative character of political bodies is measured in modern times by the number of its representatives in elected bodies like the Legislatures and local bodies. It may be harder for the Mahasabha to make good its claim in elections to their bodies than to pass resolutions like the one in question. But not even Government will be impressed by the claim, though they would be happy if the Mahasabha represented the Hindus. However, the Mahasabha may rest content that at the negotiations for a political settlement Government will be but too glad to give special importance to it, if only as a deadweight against Congress.

Are Girls Given Too Much Liberty?

Nowadays I see so many Goavanese Parsees and, of course, Anglo-Indian girls going about with all sorts of military people all over Bombay and Poona. How can these orthodox old Parsee ladies with their "Mathaband" and gentlemen with big long black cap bear this sort of encouragement? Same thing with old Goavanese who seem to be very very religious by taking their confessions on Saturday from fathers (Priests) and attending the "Mass" twice on Sunday. I think they become blind at that moment and want to follow by showing to the public as if they are just come from Europe. They will be the first people to imitate the western styles. Although they may be leading a beggarly life at home, I have seen some of them worse than beggars at home, but when they come out they dress so gorgeously with all the best perfumes, etc. Where can they get money to lead such a luxurious life? Of course I must blame the seniors who do not take notice of all this and allow them to do anything.

Certainly you can entertain soldiers in big hall room but not privately letting their young girls accompanying military people. After all they are girls and should be very very cautious. Though girls are educated they are always simple and innocent. They should be taught to know their responsibilities by not falling victims into the hands of others.

All communities especially Parsees, Goavanese must open their closed eyes.

"ONE WHO SEES VERY OFTEN."

Hindus And Cow

A very interesting curious item of news was published in the "Dawn" of 29th April 1943 which requires wide publicity. The matter is important for Muslims, Hindus and the Government.

A Hindu has started a Live Stock Company which has taken a contract for supply of beef in Calcutta military area comprising Calcutta, Barakpur, Tatanagar, Purnia, Gaya, Ranchi, etc., and 2 lakhs of cows had been slaughtered by his company upto 31-3-44 at the rate of 600 cows slaughtered every day. Even from this business the Muslims have been turned away by the Hindus to whom this was religiously prohibited. And now Hindus have entered into the business of slaughtering cows.

I have not come across a single statement in the Hindu press disapproving of the conduct. Not one Hindu has expressed his disapprobation or horror, not even a Sanatan Dharmist or Gowrachchniwalla nor Savarkar, Moonje or Parmanand or Shyama Prashad Mukherji or Mr. Vijayaasanker Moodshanker President, Arya Samaj, Bombay who has so vehemently objected to the cow slaughter in public streets. Let us see what he can do to stop, the same with all his legitimate means.

Will the Government and the Hindus of India change the mentality about the cow question now after this instance?

AKBAR KHAN.

Dearness Allowance

Government is giving some sort of dearness allowance to its low-paid employees but nothing has been done for such Government servants as draw more than Rs. 150. This plight is really indescribable, especially now when the prices of the necessaries of life have soared up to heights never touched before. These Government servants have been all along hard hit without getting any relief in any shape at all. The superior services have been getting for so many years past all the benefits recommended by the Lee Commission although there was absolutely no justification for granting the same to them. Every Government servant with moderate income is heavily in debt and this is the most eloquent proof of the fact that his economic condition is really bad. So far as I am aware Government has not made any serious effort to ameliorate the economic condition of its subordinate services. It is high time that Government should move in the matter and do something to give them the necessary relief which, really speaking, is long over-due.

JUSTICE.

Appeals From Convictions & Acquittals In Jury Trials

Important And Far-Reaching Change In Law

(BY S. G. VELINKER).

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Public attention must be drawn to India Act Nos. 26 of 1943 which is an Act of extremely great constitutional and far-reaching importance, from the point of view of the liberty of the subject, published in the Bombay Government Gazette of the 16th of December 1943.

By Section 7 of this Act, it is enacted that Clauses 25, 26 and 41 of the Letters Patent for the High Courts at Bombay, at Madras and at Fort William in Bengal shall cease to have effect. Similarly clauses 18 and 32 and 18, 19 and 31 of the High Courts at Allahabad and Lahore and Nagpur respectively and clauses 18, 19 and 33 of the High Court at Patna shall *cease* to have effect.

It will be remembered by your legal readers that the Letters Patent of Madras, Bombay and Fort William were granted in the year 1865. Those for Allahabad in the year 1866 and for Nagpur in 1936. Clauses 25 and 26 of the Letters Patent of the Presidency Towns dealt with the right of appeal. By clause 25 it was enacted that there shall be no appeal to the High Court from any sentence or order passed or made on any criminal trial before the Courts of criminal original jurisdiction. By clause 26 it was enacted that if the Advocate General certified that in his judgment there is an error in the decision of a point or points of law decided by the Court of Original Criminal Jurisdiction or that a point of law decided by the Court of Original Criminal Jurisdiction required further consideration the High Court shall have authority to review the case and finally determine such point and thereupon to alter the sentence passed by the Court of Original Jurisdiction and to pass such judgment and sentence as to the High Court shall deem right.

By clause 41 a right of appeal to the Privy Council was given, if the High Court declared that the case is a fit one for appeal.

This 78 year old legislation was found to be entirely antiquated and unsuitable to the present conditions in India and imposed an oppressive restraint on the right of appeal by a convicted person, as in practice the certificate of the Advocate General was extremely difficult to obtain and the right of appeal to the Privy Council was hedged in by so many conditions that it was practically too shadowy and illusory.

Attention of Government must have been drawn to this deplorable state of affairs and at long last Act 26 of 1943 was enacted. It is a very belated reform and can be improved upon by experience. But I shall not dwell on that aspect of the matter at this stage.

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As this contribution is primarily intended for your legal readers I shall quote Section 2 of Act 26 of 1943 in *extenso*. After S.411 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 (5 of 1898) hereinafter referred to as the said Code, the following Section shall be inserted, namely:—411A. Without prejudice to the provisions of Section 449 any person *convicted* on a trial held by a High Court in the exercise of its Original Criminal Jurisdiction may, notwithstanding anything contained in Section 418 or Section 423 Sub-section (2) or in the Letters Patent of any High Court, Appeal to the High Court—(a) against the conviction on any ground of appeal which involves a matter of Law only; (b) with the leave of the appellate Court or upon the certificate of the Judge who tried the case that it is a fit case for appeal against the conviction on any ground of appeal which involves a matter of fact only, or a matter of mixed law and fact, or on any other ground which appears to the Appellate Court to be a sufficient ground of appeal; and (c) with the leave of the Appellate Court, against the sentence passed unless the sentence is one fixed by law.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in Section 417, the Provincial Government may direct the Public Prosecutor to present an appeal to the High Court from any order of *acquittal* passed by the High Court in the exercise of its Original Criminal Jurisdiction, and such appeal may notwithstanding anything in Section 418 or Section 423 Sub-Section (2) or in the Letters Patent of any High Court, but *subject* to the restrictions imposed by clause (b) and clause (c) of Sub-Section (1) of this Section on an appeal against a conviction lie on a matter of fact as well as a matter of Law.

(3) Notwithstanding anything else where contained in any Act or Regulation, an appeal under this Section shall be heard by a Division Court of the High Court composed of not less than 2 judges, being judges other than the judge or judges by whom the original trial was held; and if the constitution of such a Division Court is impracticable the High Court shall report the circumstances to the Provincial Government which shall take action with a view to the transfer of the appeal under Section 527 to another High Court;

(4) Subject to such rules as may from time to time be made by His Majesty in Council in this behalf and to such condition as the High Court may establish or require an appeal shall lie to His Majesty in Council from any order made on appeal under Sub-Section (1) by a Division Court of the High Court in respect of which order the High Court declares that the matter is a fit one for such appeal.

Consequential and ancillary amendments were made in the relevant Sections 412, 413, 422, 423, and 431 of the Criminal Procedure Code and Section 434 was omitted. As already stated by Section 7 clauses 25, 26 and 41 of the Madras, Bombay and Fort William Letters Patent were declared to cease to have effect. Article 150 of the Limitation Act was amended and brought into line with the amendments made by Section 2 of Act 26 of 1943.

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This might be too involved for your lay readers. Therefore, the change in the Law effected by Act 26 of 1943 may be very briefly stated in simple words. Prior to 16th December 1943 if a Jury whether common or special convicted a person of an offence in a High Court trial there was no appeal even on a matter of Law only. There was no remedy open to the person convicted except by the cumbrous process of obtaining the Advocate-General's Certificate that there is an error in the decision of a point of Law or that a point of law required further consideration; then a High Court Bench generally composed of 3 Judges could review the whole case and pass such judgment and sentence as it deems right. The rare case of a judge reserving a question of law for the decision of the High Court was only a remedy in theory, as in practice this almost never happened. Now, an appeal is given as of right to a person convicted at a trial by the High Court on a matter of Law only. On questions of fact only or mixed questions of law and fact an appeal lies (1) by leave of the appellate Court or (2) on a certificate of the trial judge that it is a fit case for appeal or (3) on any other ground which appears to the Appellate Court to be a sufficient ground of appeal. A wide discretion is thus given to the Appellate Court to interfere with a conviction in a jury trial in the High Court. This is a marked and decided improvement on the law as it existed till 16th December 1943. Then as to the severity of the sentence passed by the trial judge in a jury trial unless the sentence was one fixed by law, an appeal will lie with the leave of the Appellate Court. A right of appeal to the Privy Council is also given from an order made by the High Court on appeal if the High Court declares that the matter is a fit one for appeal. The existing right to appeal to the Privy Council by special leave is not interferred with. But it must be explained to the non-legal reader that this leave is not granted unless there is something so irregular or so outrageous as "to shake the very basis of justice."

Attention must, however, be drawn to one important difference between trials by a Sessions Judge in the Mofussil in which a death sentence is passed and trials in the High Court in which a death sentence is passed. In the former case the sentence cannot be executed unless it is confirmed by the High Court. In the latter case no confirmation of this sentence is required and it can be executed without being confirmed. It is a matter for the serious consideration of the Legislature whether this difference should be allowed to exist in a matter of life and death of the subject. In many highly civilized governments the death penalty does not exist. Even in England there is a strong section of public opinion which favours the abolition of the death sentence. This is not the place to discuss the question whether the death sentence should be abolished or not. But I think it is not inopportune at this juncture to press the point that a death sentence even if passed by a High Court Judge at a jury trial should require confirmation. On principle it is difficult to appreciate why a death sentence passed by a Sessions Judge at a trial in Thana, which is just 25 miles from Bombay should require confirmation, and the same sentence passed by a High Court Judge should not. Sessions Judges in course of time are elevated to the High Court Bench after long experience in penology which some High Court Judges who have presided at Jury Trials could not excel. I sincerely hope that this question may be soon considered by the Indian Legislature.

(To Be Continued).

"NEVER ENCOURAGE FAVOURITISM"

Jinnah's Address To Meeting Of Premiers And Ministers

KARACHI, Dec. 28.

It is understood that the participants in the All-India Premiers' and Ministers' Conference met Mr. Jinnah this morning when the League President addressed them on the fundamental responsibilities of all Ministries to the public.

He is said to have told the Ministers that their first endeavour should be to enhance the prestige of Ministries as such, irrespective of whether they themselves would be in power or not. The Ministers must at all times carry out a policy that would help the masses. The Ministers' best friends may be dissatisfied with them, but considerations of the good of the people and of the honour of Ministries must be paramount.

"Never encourage favouritism", Mr. Jinnah is reported to have advised them.

Mr. Jinnah will spend a few more days in Karachi before returning to Bombay by air.

WORK OF MINISTRIES

Administrative matters involved in the running of Provincial Autonomy and important constitutional issues such as the joint responsibility of Ministers and the exercise of special responsibility by Governor were discussed at a conference of Premiers and Ministers from different Provinces held at the Sind Secretariat to-day. Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatulla presided.

An authoritative account of the meeting states that there was a frank and full discussion of all the subjects on the agenda. In particular, there was a prolonged and at times heated discussion of the exercise by the Governors of their powers in cases coming under their special responsibility and individual judgment. It was revealed during the discussion that there was no uniformity and different Governors followed different outlooks in this respect. As the matter was considered by the meeting to be of very great importance with regard to the day-to-day administration, it was decided to make a thorough study of the cases where, in the different Provinces, the Governors had not accepted the advice of the Ministers. This matter will be considered again when a similar conference of All-India Premiers and Ministers is held.

PLEA FOR CONVENTIONS

As regards Ministries in general it was felt that like the Permanent Services, Ministries too were in a sense permanent, although the personnel may change. Certain conventions had, therefore, to be established so that future generations may not say that Ministries of the present day had surrendered the people's rights and privileges under the constitution by allowing the Governors to do whatever they liked. Except in cases where the Governor's individual discretion was involved, it was felt that the Ministers' advice, where it was sought and tendered should not be over-ruled. There should be no interference in the day-to-day administration, irrespective of which party was in power. Healthy conventions embodying these principles should be formed.

As regards joint responsibility of Ministries, it was decided that the principles should be strictly adhered to as far as the functions of Government are concerned. But joint responsibility may be relaxed in questions of highly controversial and political matters, where different parties forming Coalition Ministries do not agree.

MINISTRIES & APPOINTMENTS

The conference discussed whether the recommendations of Public Service Commissions regarding the appointments, promotions, and confirmation were binding on Ministry or not. It was found that there were different procedures in different Provinces. It was unanimously agreed that qualifications for the posts should be determined by the Ministries and the Public Service Commission should be asked to recommend two names for each vacancy without showing the order of preference.

The question of the Permanent Secretaries interviewing the Governor and acquainting him with what is happening in the different Departments was also discussed. No definite decision was formulated.

Another matter discussed was the status and functions of Parliamentary Secretaries. It has been the practice in England that Parliamentary Secretaries are not only given Parliamentary work but are delegated certain powers of an administrative character and with regard to these the Permanent Secretaries of Government take orders from the Parliamentary Secretaries. It was considered that the matter should be further studied as to what administrative powers should be delegated to Parliamentary Secretaries. It was pointed out during discussion that the Bombay Government when the Congress was in power had given powers to Parliamentary Secretaries to tour their own constituencies or wherever the Ministers required them to tour and to explain the Government's policy. In that position they were empowered to call district officers to help them. Further it was urged that in the warrant of precedence Parliamentary Secretaries should come after the Permanent Secretaries.

It was the unanimous desire of the meeting that such meetings should be held as often as possible and practicable.—A. P.

TRAGEDY OF KERBALA

(BY ALIF)

"They were preparing to commemorate this martyrdom when I returned to Lucknow. When the day came the whole city, as it seemed to me, turned itself into a procession. Shrines made of paper, bamboo and tinsel, some small, carried by a single person; others huge affairs, carried by a dozen men, were borne along, the crowd marching far out into the country where these shrines were solemnly interred. Various features of the tragic history of the death of Hussain are represented during the procession and at the interment; and every now and again the procession halted, while an excited orator rehearsed some portion of the story. They marched, shouting the names of the martyrs, beating their breasts, throwing dust on their heads, they are all bare headed on this occasion, weeping and wailing. One group carried what looked like short flails, and to the ends of the cords were tied knife-blades; these they whirled around their heads, bringing them down on their shoulders and backs, which were streaming with blood."

"This was not a procession of boys, or of hysterical youths and women, but of grown men, many of whom were pointed out to me as men of standing in the community. To see a group of these men stop, and burst into groans, tears and wild cries of grief; to see their breasts bruised, and in some cases the skin broken, by the beating from their fists; to see them covered with blood, dust, and sweat, their faces haggard, their eyes blazing with excitement; to hear one of them recite part of the tale of woe, his eyes streaming with tears and his voice choked with emotion; and the tale punctuated with wild cries and shrieks and lusty pummelling of the breast on the part of his hearers, while little children and old women threw dust on their own and each other's heads, is the most amazing spectacle of religious enthusiasm. This is the kind of man, this is the quality of human stuff, which spread like lava over Arabia, Egypt, Spain, up to the very gates of France, and burst through the Afghan passes and conquered India. One readily understands why. Apparently the faith is still alive, sincere, and as ready for the torch to light it against the infidel as ever", so write Price Collier in his book "The West in the East" in 1910 when he came out from America to visit the East. That was over 30 years ago and his stay then coincided with the last days of Moharrum at Lucknow. Had he come here 30 years prior to that or thirty years later, he would have witnessed the same enthusiasm and the same expression of mourning not only in Lucknow but anywhere in the East where there was a Mohamedan population. It was the same 300 years ago, and it will remain the same now and hereafter. Many efforts were made for political and other reasons to put a stop to this sad mourning, but in vain. The tragedy of Kerbala awakens up the heart of the devout followers of Prophet Muhammad as soon as the new moon introducing the month of Moharrum is visible. Why?

Hussain, the beloved grandson of the Prophet, was not defending a country that was conquered by him and invaded by another conqueror nor was he invading a country to snatch it from the rulers of that country and attach it to his own kingdom. It was not a worldly war, not a war for the worldly kingdom but for the Kingdom of God. He had but to yield to the proposal of Yazid, and his life and the life of his 70 devout associates could have been saved, but for the sake of Righteousness and Truth he preferred death and sacrificed himself and the members of his family including a child of six months on the burning desert of Kerbala after three days of thirst and hunger. That is why his name is uttered with reverence not only by the followers of Muhammad but by everybody who has any regard for Righteousness and Truth. This was particularly prominent all over India during the Hussain Day Celebrations a couple of years ago. The Moharrum commences again on 29th December and what Price Collier saw in 1910 will be visible all over India and the East.

BENGAL WARNS ALL-INDIA

Need For Immediate Tackling Of Food Problem In India

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 28.

"The present situation in Bengal should be taken as a warning for immediate handling of food problems in other provinces lest it should be a prelude to a greater tragedy all over the country," observed Rai Saheb Dr. S. N. Kaul in his presidential address to the 20th Session of the All India Medical Conference held to-day at Ahmedabad.

While welcoming the delegates Mr. Manilal Shah, ex-President of the Municipality appealed to the doctors to follow the principles of Gandhiji.

Inaugurating the Conference Sheth Kasturbhai Lalbhai, prominent industrialist, said that they owed a debt of gratitude to Mahatma Gandhi for teaching and guiding them by methods which could help them in overcoming the discordances of the present age.

Attention of the Conference was drawn by Dr. Nanavati on the necessity of finding out ways and means to serve people who starved and to tackle the food problem and epidemics.

16 DESTITUTES DIE IN HOSPITALS

Hunger Continues To Take Its Toll In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Dec. 28.

Yesterday 16 sick destitutes died in various hospitals in the city and suburbs and there were 21 new admissions. During the day five destitutes were discharged from the hospitals—A.P.

MANY STATES WILLING TO JOIN BARODA FEDERATION

Bhadva Case Judgment Won't Affect Merger Scheme, Says Dewan

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 28.

That the judgment in the Bhadva Darbar Case would not have any effect on the merger scheme of smaller States, was the opinion expressed in a press interview by Sir V. T. Krishnamachariar, Dewan of Baroda, according to a report published in the local "Sandesh."

Replying to a further question the Dewan asserted that many smaller States had shown their willingness to join the Baroda Federation.

Referring to the political prisoners of the State, the Dewan disclosed that several detenus were of a firm opinion that they were not willing to come out of prison so long as Gandhiji was in jail.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENTS

"An indication of educational progress among Muslim women was that 14 women students clad in black burqa and presented by their Provost, Mrs. M. J. Haider, also received the degrees of B.A., M.A., and B.T."

News item about Aligarh Muslim University Convocation.

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OUR INDIA

Mr. Anand Priya (Baroda) seconding the resolution said that if the Muslims continued to demand the confiscation of "Satyarth Prakash" the Hindus would be compelled to ask for the confiscation of Quran.—Report of Hindu Mahasabha session.

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General Eisenhower admits that "Our advance on Rome has been disappointingly slow."

Perhaps there is safety in slowness. Mussolini led a 'march on Rome' in a fast train—and look where he is to-day!

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Hitler has ordered the 'purge' of all Princes from the German army—except the Prince of darkness!

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According to Raja Narendranath, the Hindu Mahasabha is not a communal organisation, but has come into being to infuse the spirit of nationalism among the people.

On reading which the Junior Colleague promptly stood on his head and declared that was the correct attitude to look at this topsy-turvy world.

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Dr. Moonje made an appeal for the "militarisation of Hindus."

Join the army and see the world. Or, better still, drop in for a chat at Dhobi Talao!

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HORSES TO BE REMEMBERED

—Headline

They are the ones who have our shirts on them!

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A resolution passed by the Hindu Mahasabha declares that Mahasabha alone is "competent to carry on negotiations on behalf of Hindus."

We did not know anyone ever contested that claim!

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The mover of this resolution said that the Indian National Congress claimed to represent the Hindus, but he observed that the Congress would not and should not represent the Hindus.

We are sure the Congress will wholeheartedly agree.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS (Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) The Japanese are redeeming their promises broadcast by Saigon radio by dropping bombs filled with rice over Calcutta and Chittagong.

(2) Mr. Casey the Australian, is coming to India purely in a spirit of service and self-sacrifice.

(3) As a gesture of renunciation, he will forego his Governor's salary and be content with his daily ration of rice from a Government grain shop.

(4) The Liberals meet in Bombay to-day and the country breathlessly awaits their lead.

ENHANCED DUTY ON ENTERTAINMENTS

The Bombay Government Gazette publishes a draft of the Bombay Entertainments Duty (Amendment) Act, 1943 which will come into force on the 1st day of January, 1944.

"Where the payment, excluding the amount of duty, is made for admission to a race-course licensed under the Bombay Race-Courses Licensing Act, 1912, 25 per cent. of such payment, and in any other case, where the payment, excluding the amount of the duty—(i) does not exceed four annas, one anna; (ii) exceeds four annas but does not exceed eight annas, two annas; (iii) exceeds eight annas but does not exceed one rupee, four annas; (iv) exceeds one rupee but does not exceed two rupees, eight annas; (v) exceeds two rupees but does not exceed four rupees, one rupee; (vi) exceeds four rupees but does not exceed five rupees, one rupee eight annas; (vii) exceeds five rupees but does not exceed ten rupees, two rupees; (viii) exceeds ten rupees, for every five rupees or part thereof in excess of the first ten rupees, in addition to the payment on the first ten rupees, two rupees.

Soldiers, sailors and other members of the Defence Forces in uniform of British and Allied nationality shall be exempted from payment of entertainments duty as shown below:—

(i) Full exemption where the payment for admission to an entertainment, excluding the amount of duty, does not exceed 4 annas; (ii) exemption of one anna only where the payment for admission to an entertainment excluding the amount of duty, exceeds 4 annas but does not exceed 8 annas."

SEARCH FOR ABSCONDERS

MIRAJ, Dec. 28.

Dr. B. C. Lagu has been released on fifteen days' parole from Yeravda Jail, Poona, to perform an operation on Acharya V. P. Limaye who has also been released on parole on grounds of ill-health.

The residence of Mr. K. C. Apte a journalist, was searched in quest of some absconders from Kolhapur State.

Messrs. Appa Gayekwad and Vithu Pira Dhangar were arrested at Mathura in connection with the discovery of a crude bomb a few months ago at Malegaon in Miraj (Sr.) State.—United Press.

RELEASE OF POLITICALS

SURAT, Dec. 28: Ramanlal Gulabdas Gandhi, who was convicted for two years in connection with the disturbances was released last week from Visapur Jail before the expiry of his sentences.

Recently many political prisoners have been released before the expiry of their period of imprisonment.—A. P.

Hull On Milk Supply To India

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, questioned at Press Conference on reports that the United States Government is planning to send milk to India for famine victims said, that United States Government does not handle under ordinary conditions bulk commodities over such distance, especially when such commodities are available in suitable quantities much nearer to the affected areas.

Mr. Hull recalled the American Red Cross announcement that the Red Cross is preparing to send tinned milk and vitamin tablets to India shortly.—Reuter.

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CITY MARKETS

Bombay, Tuesday.

BULLION: Yesterday London markets were closed. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4-03 at New York and spot silver at New York was quoted at 44-3/4 cents. The Bank sold about 25,000 tolas of gold today at Rs. 71/2 but the market was fairly steady with a moderate turnover. Delivery gold business was done at Rs. 69/12 and ready business was reported at Rs 71/4. Silver delivery contract was quoted at Rs 112/6 and spot cotton ranged from Rs 114/8 to Rs. 115.

The market fluctuated within a narrow range. Closing Quotations: Ready Silver Rs. 115-8, delivery Rs. 112-8. Ready Gold Rs 71-4 delivery Rs. 69-14, Sovereigns Rs. 49-4.

COTTON: The local market was fairly steady with a moderate business There was improved demand for distant month. January contract opened at Rs 470 and after declining to Rs 469/8 improved to Rs 472 on buying influenced by firmness of the bullion market. March was quoted at Rs 469 and May option hardened to Rs. 472/8.

Later on there was moderate liquidation and prices quietened at Rs. 469. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I C C January Rs. 468-8. I C C March Rs. 467-8. I C C May Rs 470-8.

COTTON PARITY: Indian cotton contract January is below New York January 144 cent points at Exchange 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES
BOMBAY, Dec 27

		High	Low	Close.
1 C. C.	Jan	470	466/12	469/8
,,	Mar	467	463/12	466/12
,,	May	469/12	465/12	469/8

NEW YORK COTTON

January 19.53+01; March 19.57+02; May 19.33+03; July 19.09+02; October 18.88+25; December 18.78+05 March highest 19.58+03; (10 a.m.) lowest 19.50—05 (10-15 a.m.); Middling spot 20.42+02.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

January 19.61+03; March 19.73+03; May 19.50+03; July 19.26+01; Middling spot 19.58+04.

NEW YORK COTTON
Noon Call

March 19.53; May 19.29; July 19.06.

BANKERS' CLEARING

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 24th December 1943 were as under:—

Number of cheques—1,37,951
Amount of cheques Rs. 43,83,05,-918-10-0.

NEW REICH BANKING & STOCK EXCHANGE BOSS

BERLIN, Dec 28.—The mention of "a plenipotentiary general for the Reich administration" empowered by the Minister of Justice to issue new decreee on banking and Stock Exchange matters whenever necessary was made by the German News Agency to-day. The agency did not state in whom the powers had been invested.

It may be either Himmler, who as the Minister of the Interior, directly controls the main part of the administration or Bormann, Hitler's deputy of the Nazi Party, who, by the decree of 1942, is entrusted with the supervision of administrative appointments from the Party point of view and empowered to countersign decrees of individual Ministers on Home Front matters.—Reuter.

AHMEDABAD: A country-made revolver and three live and three empty cartridgesZ were seized by the police when a search was made of a room in a chawl. The occupant of the room was arrested.—A. P.

Eisenhower Confident Of Victory In 1944

Montgomery's Seven-Point Plan Of Campaign Against Axis

LONDON, Dec. 27.

General Dwight Eisenhower, the newly appointed Chief of Allied European Invasion Forces, told a press conference at the Allied Headquarters in North Africa to-day, "We will win the European war in 1944."

Allied Headquarters North Africa: General Eisenhower speaking to war correspondents here to-day said that he does not believe that bombing alone can defeat Germany, although he looks on bombing as a very valuable adjunct to an assault on Germany from the West. General Eisenhower said that he was convinced the Allies must do everything possible to intensify the bombing of Germany. Saying that every war developed new weapons, General Eisenhower said that mass bombing was this war's new weapon, in which the Allies were ahead of Germany. They should push their use of it to the full. Bombing alone would not bring Germany to her knees. General Eisenhower compared Cos and Leros, like the first attempt to capture Tunis, to a desperate, but well-justified gamble. He would consider any General who failed to take such a risk under the circumstances as unworthy of holding a command. There would certainly be French participation in the assault on Europe, he said. Any plans that would exclude them would be simply foolish. General Giraud was a top-notch frontline General, glowing and bristling with alertness and eagerness for frontline action. Whether General Giraud will be able to participate in the actual campaign in view of his administrative responsibilities as Army Chief and member of the French Liberation Committee was for the French to decide, said General Eisenhower.

General Montgomery the newly appointed Commander of Britain's Second Front armies gave correspondents here recently a seven point plan of generalship summed up in the words "If you can knit the power of the army on land, the power of air in the sky, nothing will stand up against you and you will never lose the battle". His seven principles are Firstly, win the air battle before you fight a land or sea battle. Secondly, the army plus air have to be so knitted that they form one entity Thirdly, the R.A.F. side of machine must be centralised under the air-force command. Fourthly, the Army Commander directs the military effort and the R.A.F. Commander with him applies the air effort in accordance with a combined plan. Fifthly, the two sides must be together in the same headquarters. Sixthly, each side must realise the difficulties of the other. Seventhly, said General Montgomery, "as regards the use of striking airforce in the land battle, we have brought it to a high pitch".—Reuter.

Brazilian Troops For European Front

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 28.

The (El Munda) radio quoting the Brazilian Ambassador to Uruguay states that two divisions of Brazilian troops will leave for Europe front in January.—Reuter.

FRENCH TO PARTICIPATE IN INVASION

ALGIERS, Dec. 28: The French Committee of National Liberation in a Communique this afternoon stated it "had approved the measures taken by the National Defence Committee in agreement with the Allies regarding the participation of French forces in operations in Europe."—Reuter.

RUSSIA-BOUND BRITISH CONVOY UNMOLESTED

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The German claims to have caused serious damage to a Russia-bound British convoy and escort during the action in which the battleship "Scharnhorst" was sunk are categorically repudiated by a British Admiralty 'communique'.

The convoy was unmolested and only minor damage was sustained by two of His Majesty's ships", the communique stated.

All German accounts from the official account issued by Hitler's Headquarters to the Rome radio broadcast stressed the damage alleged to have been done to the British convoy and escorts. The German newspaper "Nachtausgabe" said the action was "important for Germany's grand strategy", while the Rome radio said, "the losses inflicted on the enemy which are of exceptional importance as regards both merchant ships and warships are being carefully investigated".—Reuter.

The Half-Column "By Dim"

In an editorial of July 5th, 1943, LIFE speaks of "The American Purpose": "..... So we, who are living, must know our purpose and pursue it. And the chief fact that we must face in pursuing it is that the U. S. has always been different from other countries. And the chief decision we have to make is whether we intend to maintain this difference or to abolish it. The U. S. differs from other countries because it was founded for the purpose of achieving a particular and definite goal in the evolution of man. For until the U. S. was established, men found their highest purposes in the Church, in the arts, in institutions of various kinds, and they expected their nations to support these purposes, but they never conceived of a nation having such a special purpose of its own: This was the new and unique idea introduced by the U. S. into the family of nations—a purpose stated in the very beginning, and stated over and over again by the leaders of our people: And this purpose for which our nation was found and in which our nation has persisted, is TO MAKE MEN FREE: Yes, that is what the Declaration of Independence says, that is what they signed 167 years ago, that all men are created free and equal—not just our own people, but all people....."

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To which my only comment is: What an editorial! It stirrs men all over the world.

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The International Book House has come out with a second edition of "TOWARDS FREEDOM". It appears this country likes this the right sort of reading.

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A correspondent writes to put me the following problem:

"The other day as I was resting on the embankment at the Churchgate Reclamation, a girl was sitting opposite me on a bench. The frock was rather short, and as my eyes went the way they ought not to, she pulled the frock down. Now what I ask is why in the name of commonsense do so many girls put on such short frocks and then keep on pulling them down if someone's eyes chance to fall on their naked legs?"

The answer is in the words of the National War Front: "Keep your eyes down and stick to your job." All further inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Claude Scott, Director of Public Information, Government of Bombay. Obviously he is the man to answer such a query.

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GUJARATI SAHITYA PARISHAD

Subjects Committee Deplores Mahatma's Detention

(From A Correspondent.)

BARODA, (By Mail).

The fifteenth session of the Gujarati Sahitya Parishad was held at Baroda during Christmas Holidays under the presidentship of Lady Vidyagauri Nilkanth. Seth Chaturbhujdas Chimanlal, a leading millowner in his speech as the chairman of the Reception Committee welcomed all and described in a very interesting and instructive manner the progress of Gujarati literature and co-operation of the Baroda State. Smt. Vidyagauri Nilkanth in her presidential speech laid stress on the need of University imparting education in the vernacular language. The Subjects Committee passed a resolution against indefinite detention of Mahatmaji without trial. The resolution for a University was also adopted.

IN THE OPEN SESSION

The resolution regarding Mahatmaji was subsequently passed by the session. Another resolution was also passed to establish contact with other provincial Sahitya Parishads.

PLEA FOR UNIVERSITY FOR GUJARAT

BARODA, Dec. 28.

The fifteenth session of the Gujarati Literary Conference which commenced on December 25 came to a close last night.

On the first day of the conference Her Highness Shantadevi Gaekwar of Baroda declared open the Gujarat Art Exhibition. The same evening the Dewan of Baroda, Sir V. T. Krishnamachariar, inaugurated the session on behalf of H. H. the Gaekwar of Baroda. About 5,000 people attended the session. Lady Vidyagauri was unanimously elected as the president of the session.

On the second day of the session, the morning was devoted to the art section and the evening to literature. A resolution in connection with the establishment of a University for Gujarat was passed.—A. P.

NO HURDLES IN NATION'S PATH

We Are Indians First And Indians Last, Says Kitchlew

JAMMU, Dec. 27: "Newspaper editors are limbs of society. With their pens they can infuse life into society, but if they bring in self-interest in their profession, they can also prove harmful", observed Dr. Saif-ud-Din Kitchlew, speaking at a party given in his honour by the Jammu and Kashmir Editors' Conference.

He added: "Gandhiji enjoins upon us to put together all our energies and then embark on our task, unmindful of the result. And, verily, if the public worker discharges his function with sincerity of purpose, there is no reason why it should not produce the desired effect".

Dr. Kitchlew continued: "The imperialist is not tired of saying that Hindu-Muslim quarrels are a hurdle in the path of India attaining freedom. It is a challenge to us. We should run the gauntlet and prove to the world that we are Indians first and Indians last".—United Press.

MADRAS: The Government have decided that a scheme to assume responsibility for the maintenance of all main lines of communication in the Presidency shall be drawn up immediately. It is hoped to be put into working order after the war when the necessary funds, materials and staff will be available.

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327 AGENTS WANTED

Wanted Agents or Wholesale dealers. Apply The Luxmi Button Mfg. Co., 66, Nawabpur Road, Dacca (Bengal). 3634

651 MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

Managing Directors and Company Promotors:— If you want Consent for fresh Capital Issues, please let us give you our expert advice and tell you what we can do for you in obtaining Consent from Examiner of Capital Issues. Please write to-day to "Insurance, Finance & General Services, Ltd.", Neptune Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay. Telephone No. 28637. 3629

PUBLIC NOTICES

G. I. P. RAILWAY

SPECIAL NOTICE.

FREE TIME FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING OF WAGONS.

On and from 15th January, 1944 the free time for loading and unloading wagons will be 9 day-light hours, subject to the condition that when wagons are made available for loading and unloading before 12 hours, the free time shall be limited to day-light hours the same day.

This rule will apply to the unloading of all traffic and also to the loading of all traffic except Traffic in Tank wagons, minerals, charcoal, stone, sand, ballast, timber, rafters, bullies, bamboos, coal and bricks, for which the free time will continue to be 9 day-light hours.

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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN under instructions from and on behalf of our client Mr. SORABJI RUSTOMJI BANATWALLA (also known as SAKLATWALLA) that our client claims a share in the estate of his late grandfather Cursetji Jamasji Banatwalla (Saklatwalla) inter alia consisting of the following properties, viz.:

(1) Property at Cursetji Sukhlaji Street, bearing C.S. No. 209 of Tardeo Division, Municipal D Ward Nos. 4047, 4048, 4049, 4050, 4051, Street Nos. 32, 34, 36, 38, 1, 2, 40, 42, 44, 46, and containing an area of 2,338 square yards or thereabouts under Foras Freehold tenure (Cess redeemed).

(2) Property at 12th Kamatipura Street, bearing C. S. No. 192 of Byculla Division, Municipal E Ward No. 870, Street Nos. 21, 21A, 23, 23A, 51, Sukhlaji Street, 12th Kamatipura Street, and containing an area of 479 square yards or thereabouts.

(3) Property at 12th Kamatipura Street, bearing C. S. No. 193 of Byculla Division, Municipal E Ward Nos. 871, 872, Street Nos 17-19, 107 and 52, Sukhlaji Street and 13th and 12th Kamatipura, and containing an area of 237 square yards.

(4) Property at 12th and 13th Kamatipura Street, bearing C. S. Nos. 1193 and 1A|193 of Byculla Division, Municipal E Ward Nos. 1993-94, 2093, 2095, 2096(1), and Street Nos. 50A, 50B 12th Kamatipura Street, 97, 101 to 105, 13th Kamatipura Street, leased to Gulamhussein Mahomedali Daya and others, and containing an area of 725 square yards or thereabouts

With reference and in answer to the advertisement of the intended sale of the first three named properties by Mr. Cursetji Jamshedji Banatwalla, Mr. Rustom Kaikhushru Abless and Kaikhoshru Nusserwanji Chandabhoy, the alleged Executors of the Will of late Mr. Jamshedji Edalji Banatwalla appearing in issue of the "Bombay Chronicle", dated 21st December, 1943, under the signature of Messrs. Benjamin Chhatrapati & Co., Attorneys for the intending purchaser or purchasers of the said 3 properties, we have under our clients instructions given notice of our clients rights and claims 'inter alia' in the aforesaid properties to the said Messrs Benjamin Chhatrapati & Co., as also to the aforesaid alleged executors specifying therein the various notices given to the deceased Jamsetji Edalji Banatwalla including the notice given to the said deceased Jamsetji Edalji Banatwalla, dated 16th September, 1936, to which there has been no reply by the said deceased, as also the various notices to Cursetji Jamsetji Banatwalla referred to in our said notices. Our client as the duly appointed constituted attorney of Bai Bachubai Shapurji Kola the daughter of Bai Hirabai who is the late daughter of the late Cursetji Jamasji Banatwalla under the Irrevocable Power of Attorney dated 29th September, 1943, also claims a share in 'inter alia' the abovementioned properties.

Any person, persons, firm or corporation having any sort of dealing whatever with the aforesaid properties or any of the same in spite of and ignoring this public notice of our clients rights and claims and the pending litigations in respect of the said properties shall do so at his or their respective risks and shall also be liable to High Court proceedings for injunction against him or them respectively at his or their respective costs.

Dated this 24th December, 1943.

J. S. KATPITIA & CO.,
Attorneys for Mr. Sorabji Rustomji Banatwalla (Saklatwalla).
(7301)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF 62 BALES GREY YARN.

Messrs. GANDHI & CO., will sell by public Auction on THURSDAY the 30th inst. at 4-30 P.M. (S. T.) by order of the Raghuvanshi Mill, Ltd., at their Mills DeLisle Rd. and on account and at the risk of the defaulting purchasers M/s. Gorakharam Goculchand.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

AN ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING of the Corporation will be held in the Municipal Office on THURSDAY, the 6th January, 1944, at 2 P. M. (Bombay Time), for the consideration of the following business:—

1. Election of one member on the Improvements Committee vice Mrs. Lilavati K. Munshi, resigning from January 1944.

2. Election of one member on the Schools Committee vice Mr. V. A. Karapurkar, resigning from January 1944.

3. (a) Letter from Mr. M. I. Rowjee—Resigning his seat on the Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee; and (b) election of a member on the Committee.

4. Interpellations.

5. Application for gratuity from an ex-employee of the Roads Branch of the City Engineer's Department.

6. Letter from Mr. Vithaldas B. Shah, Advocate—Regarding the payment of certain bills of his clients, Messrs. Mohanlal & Co., for goods supplied to the Municipality.

7. Letter from Messrs. Madhavji & Co., Attorneys-at-Law—Regarding the lease to be granted to their client, Dr. Dhundiraj Ganesh Godbole, in respect of a plot in Dadar-Matunga Estate.

8-10. Letters from the authorities of the (8) Adams Wylie Memorial Hospital; (9) Victoria Memorial School for the Blind; and (10) Bombay Telugu Free Library —Forwarding copies of the Annual Reports, etc., of their respective institutions.

11. Letter from the Secretary, Shree Meghwal Veerbala Garba Party and others—Regarding a suggestion to start a Municipal Primary School for Harijan Children in the Bellasis Road locality.

12. Letter from Mr. Vusonji Mulji—Regarding a suggestion for changing the school hours in Municipal schools.

13. Budget Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year 1944-45 framed by the Standing Committee under Section 126 of the Municipal Act.

14. Further consideration of the question regarding the renewal of the contract with the B.E.S. & T. Co., Ltd., for the supply of electric energy to the pumping sets at the Malabar Hill and the Bhandarwada Hill Reservoirs.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES—

15. Regarding the fixing of the salary of an Inspector in the Mechanical Engineer's Department.

16. Forwarding quarterly statement of outstanding wheel-tax bills.

17. Recommending additional grant to meet the excess in the cost of Messing charges for the Nursing staff at the K.E.M. Hospital.

18. Regarding payment of an increased conveyance allowance to the Superintendent of Gardens.

19. Regarding the creation of a temporary post of a Supervising Surveyor in the Assessment and Collection Department.

20. Recommending sanction to Budget transfers.

21. Reporting on the question of making a provision in the Budget for 1944-45 for distribution of milk to the undernourished needy children attending Municipal schools.

22. Regarding the question of appointing substitutes for all teachers proceeding on leave.

23. Recommending additional grants to meet the depreciation charges in respect of certain apparatus purchased for the K.E.M. Hospital.

24. Regarding the question of meeting the cost of food arrangements made for the staff of the essential services out of Municipal Fund, etc.

25. Recommending additional grant to make good certain amounts to the School Fund and the Provident Fund Investment Account of the Schools Committee.

26. Regarding the enforcement or otherwise of sanctions obtained for the removal of unauthorized works.

27. Regarding the question of providing funds for the maintenance of the trolley track and the embankment in the outside City Division of the Water Works Department, etc.

28. Regarding revised estimate for providing a water main in Pan Gully.

29. Regarding revised estimate for providing a water main in Laburnum Road.

30. Regarding the Municipal Chief Auditor's objection to the overpayment of advance out of Provident Fund to a Municipal teacher and the Schools Committee's report thereon.

31. Regarding the Municipal Chief Auditor's report on the examination of the ledgers, etc., of the Assessment and Collection Department for the year 1940-41

RESOLUTIONS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

32. Regarding the acquisition of certain premises for the extension of Parsi Bazar Street to Maruti Lane.

33. Regarding the withdrawal from acquisition of certain land included in the Sion Overbridge Improvement Scheme, etc.

34. Regarding the retention of a covered passage on the compulsory open space of a plot at Mathew Road Estate.

35. Regarding the question of taking measures to check unauthorised works in time, etc.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES—

36. Regarding the renewal of the agreement for the supply of water to the Raymond Woollen Mills Ltd., at Thana.

37. Regarding plan and estimate for the work of laying a storm-water drain in Burrows Cross Lane, etc.

38. Regarding plans and estimates for the extension of Ranade Road and Keluskar Road (South) up to the Mahim Foreshore, etc.

39. Regarding revised estimates for laying storm-water drains in Khoja Street and Garibdas Street.

40. Regarding plan and estimate for the work of enlarging the existing water main in Pochkhanawalla Road.

41. Regarding the layout of a new road for the traffic going from the Elphinstone Road Railway Station towards Gokhale Road, etc.

42. Regarding plan and estimate for the work of enlarging a water main in Suparibaug Road.

43. Regarding the training of candidates for the Auxiliary Nursing Service at a certain Municipal Hospital.

44. Regarding the purchase of Klim powder for preparing milk for use in Municipal Maternity Homes.

45. Regarding the question of allowing the Bombay Old Passenger Wharf Mango Association to carry on mango trade at the Mody Bunder Wharf, etc.

46. Reporting that Dr. D. S. Laud, Superintendent of Markets and Slaughter Houses, is due to retire from Municipal Service on account of superannuation from 29th July, 1944.

47. Further consideration of the question of maintaining the Net Premia Fund at an amount not exceeding Rs. 50 lacs, etc.

48. Reporting that Mr. B. K. Wagle, Test Audit Officer, is due to retire from Municipal Service on account of superannuation from 22nd May, 1944.

49. Regarding the revised licence fee in respect of outside pork meat shops in the City.

50. Regarding the question of rationing Kerosene in the City.

51. Regarding a proposal for the establishment of a private market for the sale of milk at Kika Street, etc.

52. Regarding the Corporation's representation to Government for additional sources of income, etc.

53. Schools Committee's letter —Reporting on the Government letter regarding the grant to be paid by them to the Bombay Municipality in respect of the Primary Standards of Secondary (English) Schools.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSIONER—

54. Reporting that no case of the breeding of Malaria carrying mosquito was found during October and November, 1943.

55. Forwarding the Monthly Chemical and Bacteriological Reports on the Bombay Water Supplies.

56. Regarding the election of Dr. M. D. D. Gilder and Mr. P. M. Chinai as Councillors.

57. Forwarding the Executive Health Officer's Report for the third quarter of 1943.

58. Reporting on a letter from the Special Literacy Officer and Secretary, Bombay Adult Education Committee—Regarding a scheme for educating the illiterate employees of the Municipality.

59. Letter from Dr. Sorab P. Mehta—Applying for leave of absence from the Meetings of the Corporation.

60. Letter from Mr. P. K. Savant—Applying for leave of absence of behalf of Dr. T. R. Naravane from the meetings of the Corporation.

61. Letter from Mr. P. M. Chinai—Applying for leave of absence on behalf of Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel from the meetings of the Corporation.

62. Letter from Dr. Jethalal V. Vora—Applying for leave of absence on behalf of Mr. S. L. Silam from the meetings of the Corporation.

63. Letter from Mr. Ratilal M. Gandhi—Applying for leave of absence on behalf of Mr. B. N. Maheshwari from the meetings of the Corporation.

64. Letter from Mr. R. K. Achrekar—Applying for leave of absence on behalf of Mr. Asoka R. Mehta from the meetings of the Corporation.

65. Letter from Mr. Vithaldas D. Govindjee—Applying for leave of absence on behalf of Mr. K. L. Borkar from the meetings of the Corporation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY—

66. Reporting the expiry of the maximum period of absence from the Meetings of the Corporation permissible under the Municipal Act in the case of Mr. I. S. Patel.

67. Reporting that Mr. A. P. Sabavala has ceased to be a member of the Grants-in-aid Committee.

68. Submitting a statement of references pending before the Committees of the Corporation.

69. Submitting a list of Resolutions calling for reports from the Commissioner which have not been received.

70. Submitting a statement of Interpellations remaining unreplied to by the Commissioner.

71. Report of the Committee of the Corporation—Regarding the question of giving financial help to certain institutions in the City for the year 1943-44.

72. Further consideration of the question of creating a Special Fund to enable the Corporation to purchase the B. E. S. & T. Co., Ltd., in 1947.

73. Confirmation of the Special Committees' Proceedings.

74. Schools Committee's letters —Forwarding printed copies of the Committees' Proceedings.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS—

75. From Mr. K. H. Goregaoker —For requesting Government to amend the Municipal Act so as to reduce premanently the percentage of Municipal contribution to the Improvement Schemes Account to two instead of three.

76-77. From Dr. G. R. A. Sheikh —For (76) amending the Municipal Service Regulations so as to treat the employees who joined Municipal Service before 1st September, 1936 as being subject to the Old Municipal Service Regulations for leave, etc., purposes and (77) authorizing the Municipal Secretary to print a sufficient number of Agenda, etc., papers so as to be able to supply them, to Councillors at the time of the meeting.

78. From Mr. K. H. Goregaoker —For removing the obscuring shades of the electric street lamps in the City in view of the relaxation of black-out restrictions by Government.

79-80. From Mr. P. M. Chinai, seconded by Mr. V. M. Nagvekar —For (79) requesting Government to undertake measures for removing hardships of the public in getting charcoal and to bring down the price thereof; and (80) re-naming New Chinchbunder Road as "Dr. Poonsey Meisheri Road."

81-82. From Mr. Narsingrao C. Pupala—For (81) taking measures to minimise the inconvenience caused to the pedestrians and vehicular traffic due to the flooding of roads in the City during monsoon; and (82) opening a special A. P. Clinic at the Turner Sanatorium for the treatment of partially cured T. B. patients.

83. From Mr. D. V. Pradhan— For crediting to the revenue side of the Budget Rs. 2½ lakhs out of the Land Sales Reserve Fund every year instead of Rs. 10 lakhs as at present.

84. From Mr. V. B. Worlikar— For requesting the B. E. S. & T. Co., Ltd., to extend the time of the bus service running on the T. Route from Elphinstone Road to Worli-Koliwada and to arrange for the 'J' Route Bus Service to go upto Worli-Koliwada in the morning.

85. Further consideration of the question of introduction of certain books based on Sunni Theology and teaching of Bhagwat Geeta in Municipal Primary Schools, etc.

By Order of His Worship the Mayor,
B. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary.

Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 28th December, 1943.
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NOTICE

Wanted: Staff Nurses—Pay Rs. 60|—5—100 p.m. each. Board Allowance Rs. 30|- p.m. plus Rs. -|8|- per day each. Uniform allowance Rs. 10|- p.m. and Dearness Allowance Rs. 12|- p.m. each with free furnished quarters. Apply at once with copies of certificates to the Lady Superintendent, Lady Willingdon Hospital, Lahore. The candidates must be registered in the Punjab as general trained Nurses and Midwives. (6836)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the share transfer books of The Bombay Swadeshi Co-operative Stores Co., Ltd., Sir Phirozeshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay, will be closed from Saturday the 8th January 1944 to Friday the 21st January 1944 both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
J. B. MORPURIA,
9696 Manager.

G. I. P. RLY.

The DIVISIONAL ENGINEER G.I.P. Rly., Poona, invites tenders upto 14 hours on 10|1|1944 for carrying out an extension of the High Service Tank House in the Loco yard at Poona station. The Form of Tender, Schedule and Conditions of Contract may be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2|- per set. Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 3|- being made. These sums will not be refunded. (7309)

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BENGAL

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from candidates to fill the post of an Accounts Officer for the Civil Supplies Department (Controller of Finance Branch). The post will carry a fixed rate of pay of Rs. 500 per month and will be a temporary one for a period of one year in the first instance, terminable at one month's notice from either party. Qualifications—a Chartered, Incorporated or Registered Accountant with at least five years' experience of accounts work in responsible positions in commercial firms of some standing. Preference will be given to those who have had previous experience in a Government or quasi-Government office. Application (for which there is no prescribed form) must reach the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Darjeeling not later than the 7th January, 1944, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5 and an attested copy of Matriculation certificate. 7312

PUBLIC NOTICES

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5 Prizes of Rs.	500|-	..	Rs. 2,500|-
10 Prizes of Rs.	250|-	..	Rs. 2,500|-
Total amount of prize money half-yearly in each completed series of 1 lakh pieces		..	Rs. 10,000|-

Full particulars can be obtained at any of the offices authorised to receive subscriptions.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL

APPLICATIONS are invited from female candidates to fill a permanent vacancy in the post of History Mistress, Dow Hill Girls' School, Kurseong, in the Bengal General Service. Pay—300-470 with free furnished quarters. Age —below 30. Qualifications—a degree in History and teachers' training with some training and experience in Britain. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 12th January, 1944. 7311

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